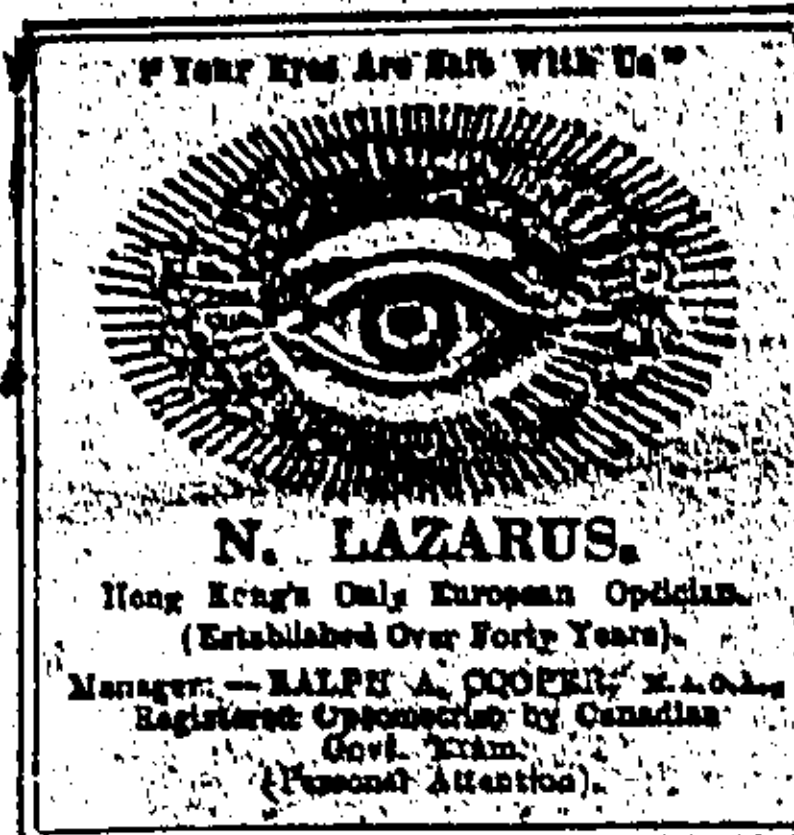


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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35	5.45
Yamat ...Dep.	6.49	8.14	9.19	10.09	12.09	1.24	2.44	3.09	4.44	5.54
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.36	2.56	3.21	4.56	6.06
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	3.10	3.35	5.10	6.20
TaipeiMarketDep.	7.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	1.55	3.15	3.40	5.20	6.30
Fanning ...Dep.	7.35	9.00	10.05	10.55	12.55	2.00	3.20	3.45	5.30	6.40
Shatin ...Dep.	7.40	9.05	10.10	11.00	13.00	2.05	3.25	3.50	5.40	6.50
Yamat ...Dep.	7.51	9.16	10.21	11.11	13.11	2.16	3.36	4.01	5.51	7.01
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ShatinMarketDep.	7.25	8.12	9.17	11.16	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	6.31	6.53
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.18	9.23	11.22	11.50	3.10	4.53	6.01	6.26	—
TaipeiMarketDep.	7.40	8.28	9.33	11.32	12.00	3.21	5.04	6.12	—	—
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Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	9.49	11.48	12.16	3.36	5.19	6.27	—	—
Yamat ...Dep.	8.11	8.58	10.03	12.02	12.31	3.51	5.34	6.42	—	—
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, November 11th.

This year the Lord Mayor's Show, which is always regarded as one of the sights of London, was more brilliant and picturesque than ever. The great City Companies participated, and the crowds that lined the route of the procession and filled the windows of City offices saw tableaux representing many of the trades on which the commercial greatness of London depends. In addition there were historical scenes, and some that were merely traditional. One of the most popular was Dick Whittington with the celebrated cat sitting by the milestone at Highgate and listening to the chiming of Bow Bells calling him to London to become thrice Lord Mayor. Then there were tableaux of Eddystone Lighthouse, a shoeing forge in full blast, a ship's wireless station, Captain Cook and his famous vessel the *Endeavour*, and scores of other scenes in what was a marvellous pageant.

The Cinderella Coach.

But of course the chief attraction was the Lord Mayor in the historic Cinderella-like coach, all gold and glass, drawn by six horses, and preceded by trumpeters. Within one could see the Lord Mayor, Sir Charles Batho, in his State robes sitting by the side of his chaplain, and opposite the Common Crier in a wig and the Sword Bearer in a fur cap. The Lord Mayor turned to look from one window to the other in acknowledgment of the ovation he received as the gold coach lumbered by, leaving a vision of two tall footmen in blue coats and plumed hats.

The Guildhall Banquet.

It is generally conceded that the Lord Mayor's banquet, at which there were nearly a thousand guests, was the most brilliant of any held in recent years. As in the past, the company included distinguished men of the fighting Services, the Diplomatic Body, the Law, the Church and the Civil Service, and they all came in the uniforms of their offices, accompanied by their ladies. The reception presented a scene that would be hard to equal for splendour and the blending of old and new.

On a dais at the head of the hall stood the Lord Mayor wearing his robes of black and gold. He received his guests with the Lady Mayoress on his left hand and the Sheriffs on either side. The Maids of Honour were ranged behind his chair. At the end of the hall stood the Aldermen in scarlet robes. A Guard of Honour of the London Rifle Brigade lined the stairway by which the guests approached the Library where the reception was held, and round the doors was a posse of gentlemen of the Honourable Artillery Company in steel helmets and carrying pikes and halberds of a by-gone age. Truly, to be Lord Mayor of London is to know the meaning of pomp and circumstance.

The Socialist Surtax.

The avowed intention of the Socialists to impose a surtax of 2/- in the pound on investment incomes of over £500 a year when next those political gentry are returned as a Government has naturally stirred up resentment in the country. This is not surprising. The Socialists hope to catch the votes of the masses at the next election by spreading the idea that everybody who does not work for a low wage or salary belongs to the "idle rich" strata of Society and is therefore fair game for extra taxation. The inquiry of people who are diving on investments that bring them in £500 a year, are the business or professional classes who have been, of course, taxed on their earnings but have saved enough to produce the income in question when they have retired. The Socialists apparently consider that they ought to be specially taxed because of their thrift.

(Continued on next Column.)

TWO WOMEN AND A YACHT.

EX-OFFICER SUEED BY HIS FOURTH WIFE.

CURIOUS DESERTION CASE.

Cecil Huntley Nicholson, of the Junior Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, was summoned by his wife, Mrs. Florence Martha Nicholson, of East Chapel-street, W., at Marlborough-street for desertion. Mr. Meyler, for the wife, said the husband was a retired regular Army officer, and they were married in December 1923. Differences arose and they parted. Last February he wrote: "Shall we make up, my dear, and forget all the past? I miss you and I hope you miss me. This is sincere. I have nothing to gain or lose. I want you only as the pal you used to be when you fished and shot with me."

After that letter Mrs. Nicholson agreed to live with him again, and stayed in his yacht the *Silver Spring*. Differences again arose and they again parted. Last March he called on her and said: "I am going abroad in my yacht and you can do as you like. I am not going to keep you." In April he sent her a hotel bill showing that "Major and Mrs. Nicholson" stayed at a London hotel, and added: "You have done your best to make things go, but I am afraid I have never been able to make you happy."

Between September 1921 and November 1923 the husband had received cheques for £2,873 from his wife. His own income was £1,000 a year from the Public Trustee and he also received large sums from property.

Woman in Yacht.

Mrs. Nicholson, giving evidence, said she left the yacht because one day, after she had been to London, she found that some of her clothes had been stolen. She then discovered that her husband had had a woman on board whom he said he had met at Bournemouth with some friend from the Blue Lagoon Club in London. They quarrelled and separated. She had lent her husband between £9,000 and £10,000. Counsel, defending: Your conduct has not been very exemplary, has it?—No, because I have retaliated when my husband has done things against me.

Mrs. Nicholson said she lived with her husband before they were married. She was his fourth wife. Nicholson said he was most anxious to go into the witness box to refute the allegations, and the hearing was adjourned.

A Case in Point.

The predatory plan of the Socialists has a certain amount of interest for people who are abroad and are looking forward to living in retirement in this country on investments. A letter was published in the *Times* recently from a prospective victim which seems very much to the point. He wrote as follows:—

"After many years in a country bordering on the Equator, yet where hard work was expected and necessary, I now live entirely on the proceeds of thrift. My income, termed unearned, would just place me above the £500 limit, and therefore, one to be taxed from undrawn income is derived from undrawn salary, always the conditions of the sidekick. This undrawn salary remained at interest in the country I served, and so grew in time. I was not obliged to leave it undrawn; it meant some self-denial, and in that trying climate, also discomfort to do it. Now I may claim to be an asset to the country, for these savings are invested in industrial concerns, and I already pay tax on unearned income."

The only thing that need be said now is that a proposal so inherently unjust and economically unsound is never likely to reach the Statute Book.

Aviation In The Empire.

A good deal of experimental flying has been going on very quietly during the past two years under the direction of the Air Ministry, and I learn that soon there may have proved that British aviators have made sufficient advance to justify an extension of Empire air links. Accordingly the Government are to undertake a comprehensive review of the possibilities of civil aviation. The regular and most successful services conducted by Imperial Airways and the opening of the air route from Egypt to India are two chief achievements in the way of commercial air services. The next step is to work in conjunction with the Dominion Governments.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Great Snow (To-day).
Cathedral Women's Workers' Guild: Address by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt on "The Church of England in the 19th Century," St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.; Committee meeting, 10.30 a.m.
New Territories Agricultural Show, Tung Ying Hok Po, Sheung Shui.
Extraordinary General Meeting Prince's Building and Land Co. Ltd., Prince's Building, 4.15 p.m.
Garrison Football League: B. Coy. K.O.S.B. v. H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B.; R.A.O.C. v. D. Coy. K.O.S.B.; Sookumpoo, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Army v. Combined Teams of 2nd Punjab Regt. and Hong Kong S.B.R.A., 3.30 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. v. H.K.S.R.A. III, Marina Ground, 5 p.m.
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
H.M.S. *Ambrose* Fancy Dress Carnival dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.
Queen's Theatre: "Don Juan."
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China Underwriters' Meeting, St. George's Building, noon.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. 2nd Punjab, Marina Ground, 5 p.m.
Postponed Lecture on "Gas: Its Distribution and Uses," by Mr. A. Hever, Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 5.45 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Boxing Tournament: K.O.S.B. v. H.M.S. *Argus*, Murray Barracks, 8 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society present "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Don Juan."
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Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia, etc. (Changste).
Saturday.
Fanning Hunt: Hare and Hounds meet at Mr. Peter Potts' Bungalow, 2 p.m.
Yachting: 5th Championship race for racing yachts.
Y.M.C.A. Motor-Cycle Football, Mongkok, 3 p.m.
Lawn Bowls: Open Singles Championship final, Kowloon C.C. Green; and presentation of Spey Royal Cup, League Shields and other trophies, 3 p.m.
Official closing and distribution of prizes, Takook Club Bowling Green, 3 p.m.

Cricket League:—Division I.: Craigengower C.C. v. C.S.C.C.; Chinese R.C. v. Royal Navy, Division II.; Civil Service C.C. and XI. v. Royal Engineers.
Friendly Cricket: Recreation v. R.A.F. Police R.C. v. Queen's Regt.; I.R.C. "B" v. H.K. Electric R.C.; University 2nd XI. v. Club de Recreation.
Football League:—Division I.: Royal Artillery v. South China; Police v. K.O.S.B.; Chinese Ath. v. Club; Recreation v. Queen's; Scots Guards v. Kowloon, Division II. Guards v. St. Joseph's; Club "A" v. Recreation v. St. Joseph's; Chinese Ath. v. South China; "B" v. Chinese Ath.; Division II. "B" v. St. Joseph's Ath.; South China "A" v. Kowloon v. King Wo; South China "A" v. Moelans; Scouts v. Chinese Ath.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.

Variety Entertainment by the "Thracians" at the Wesleyan Old Sailors' and Soldiers' Home (in aid of Building and Equipment Fund for the New Home), 8.30 p.m.
Peak Club Dance, 9.15 p.m.
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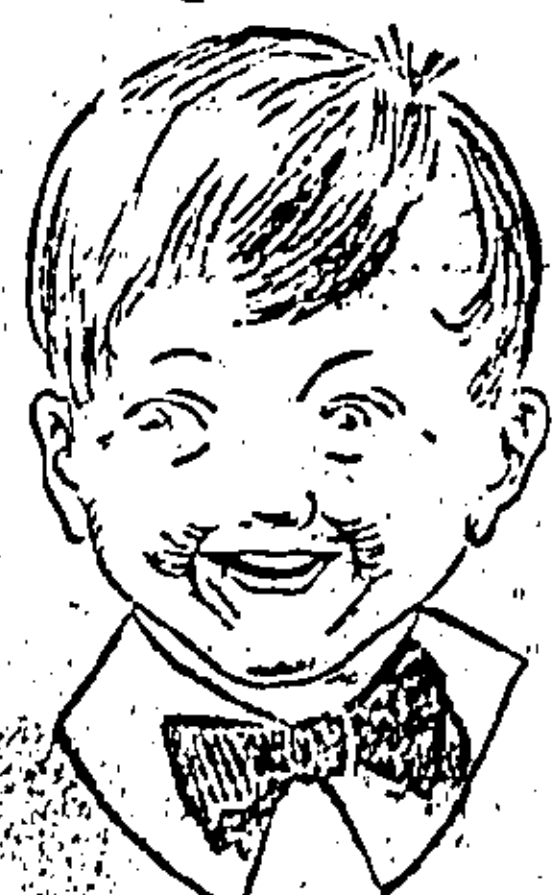
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No good work can be done without the necessary funds to meet the high costs pertaining in all lines of life these days. It is, therefore, most important that those who have the organization of methods to cope with kidnapping and armed robbery should have sufficient funds in hand to make out rewards to those assisting in bringing such nefarious characters to justice.

It must be apparent to everyone that the greatest menace to life, property, and industrialism in China to-day are organized kidnapping, banditry, armed robbery, and the intimidating armed agitators. They menace everyone, and the life of the richest and poorest is equally held in contempt by these nefarious rascals, who would enrich themselves by threats and acts of violence.

The Need For Co-operation.

This terrible menace can only be combated by co-operation on the part of all. In these dangers, each person has a duty towards his fellows, particularly towards those who are in the greatest danger of being shot, killed, or wounded by these criminal outlaws of society. Those who cannot give physical, intellectual, or informative assistance to the police can greatly assist by contributing, in accordance to their means, to an organized fund which would be used to stimulate in various ways the apprehension and bringing to justice of those who make a practice of these outrages against society. Who is it that runs the greatest risks of injury, if not death, at the hands of these criminals? Certainly not the kidnapped person, since there is no money procurable from a dead body and it is the money the criminals want. The columns to the local Shanghai papers will clear any doubt upon the subject. It is the police and their assistants. At all times, day or night, these brave men in the Settlement, in the French Concession and in outlying areas called Greater Shanghai, are called upon to risk their lives in attempts to cope with armed robberies, kidnapping and labour agitation, murders, and in the general protection of various members of the community against attacks with violence.

Tangible Recognition Of Courage.

We, members of the Shanghai community who expect all possible protection from the police, give any amount of verbal recognition of their courage under the greatest danger to their lives and persons. Is, however, verbal recognition really sufficient recognition? Are we doing everything to encourage this sacrifice on the part of the police and their assistants at the call of duty? Are those who continually risk their lives in the protection of their fellows not deserving of some greater reward, than every day lip and Press praising of their bravery? Is it not time that something more substantial in the way of rewards for bravery and rewards for successful prosecution of duty in running down gunmen and kidnapers were done for these brave men functioning in and around Shanghai as police, both in the Chinese and foreign branches of these services?

Our Debt To The Police.

If the police, as our employees, owe us certain duties in the protection accorded to us as their employers, then, as their employees, we owe these men, our employees, special rewards for special risks taken by them for our protection. Admittedly the Council do their utmost to compensate police of all grades, who may be injured in the discharge of dangerous duties and compensate to a certain extent the families of those who may be killed in the discharge of such duties. The funds of the Councils in the Foreign Settlement and the French Settlement are limited, and in these days of continuous rise in the cost of every form of living the compensation, which it is in the power of the Council to give for such self-sacrifice, is by no means keeping with the risks taken.

Every dollar that goes into the hands of the kidnapers or armed robbers tends to the strengthening and increasing of the organization of these outlaws; whereas every dollar which we urge, should be placed in a fund to reward those who bring about their apprehension and conviction, must tend towards making the lives and properties of those contributing towards such rewards much safer.

Those Who Are Threatened.

Those who risk capture by kidnapers would do well to insure against such risk by contributing according to their means to a fund,

which we merchants are endeavouring to place in the hands of the Municipal Council, supported by an advisory committee of Chinese and foreign merchants, who would supervise the distribution of the rewards as follows: (1) In the case of apprehension and conviction of kidnapers, armed robbers, and those threatening the lives of workers, to each of those participating in or leading to the capture of such offenders a suitable monetary reward; (2) In the case of any one receiving bodily injury, proved to the satisfaction of the committee to be inflicted whilst apprehending, to apprehend, or in the tracing of one of these criminals, a monetary reward commensurate with the gravity of the injury received; (3) In the case of any police, detective or assistant being proved to have been killed in the attempt to apprehend or lead to the apprehension of this class of criminal, or criminals, to the satisfaction of the Council concerned and the advisory committee, a very substantial monetary compensation to the family of the deceased.

Co-ordination Required.

The kidnapers and armed robbers stop at nothing to gain their object. People are kidnapped in the Settlement and brought to the French Concession or those regions of Chinese territory called Greater Shanghai and there held in captivity, and as frequently the reverse is the case. Consequently, there must be co-ordination in the methods of suppressing the evil and there is nothing that could produce this result as thoroughly as co-ordination in the system of rewards following conviction of the outlaws. Those who can afford it, and are therefore the subjects of the attentions of the organized kidnapers and organized armed robbers, should not quibble about the few dollars or the few thousand dollars which they can contribute to such an anti-kidnaping or anti-armed robber fund, in the way of insurance. They must be very careful in guarding against evilly disposed persons, who may parade as representatives of such fund collection, by depositing themselves, or through some trusted person, such money as they intend to subscribe with the Municipal Savings Bank in a special account kept for the purpose. They would be assured of the correct allocation of rewards to Settlement Police, French Concession Police and Greater Shanghai Police through the medium of the Chinese Merchant Committee, co-operating with the two Municipal Council authorities.

A Savings Bank Fund.

As above stated, those who see the advisability of contributing to such a safety and anti-kidnaping insurance fund can pay the amount they wish to contribute into the Shanghai Municipal Savings Bank Anti-Kidnaping Fund Department, obtaining at the time of deposit a particular number in exchange for the amount contributed. The Municipal Savings Bank will subsequently acknowledge in the Municipal Gazette, and through it, in the local press, the various numbers and amounts contributed by same as a receipt to the various contributors without disclosing their identity to evilly disposed persons.

We contributing Chinese merchants are convinced that by following our lead in the building up of a large fund, there will be a very rapid diminution in the risks run generally by merchants and industrialists in the risks of kidnapping and armed robberies, as well as in armed intimidation of peaceable industrial workers. We, therefore, urge our co-industrialists and fellow merchants to support to the limits of their capacity the fund we are now organizing for their self-protection.

The Council As Trustees.

The funds though paid into the Municipal Savings Bank by the depositors will not be left lying idle there, but will be invested by the Municipal Council under the advice of the Merchants Advisory Committee in such manner as they consider will swell the funds so as to increase them, with the minimum of risk to amounts adequate to meet all rewards earned under the conditions of subscription. Any persons so desiring may arrange through their own bank for the contribution of the amount they desire to be held in that bank at the disposal of the Municipal Council and the Merchants Advisory Committee, with a stipulation that the bank and the amount be notified to the special department of the Municipal Savings Bank. The funds are now open and we trust our fellow merchants will not be slow in contributing so that all may see the urgency of preventing kidnapping and armed robberies.

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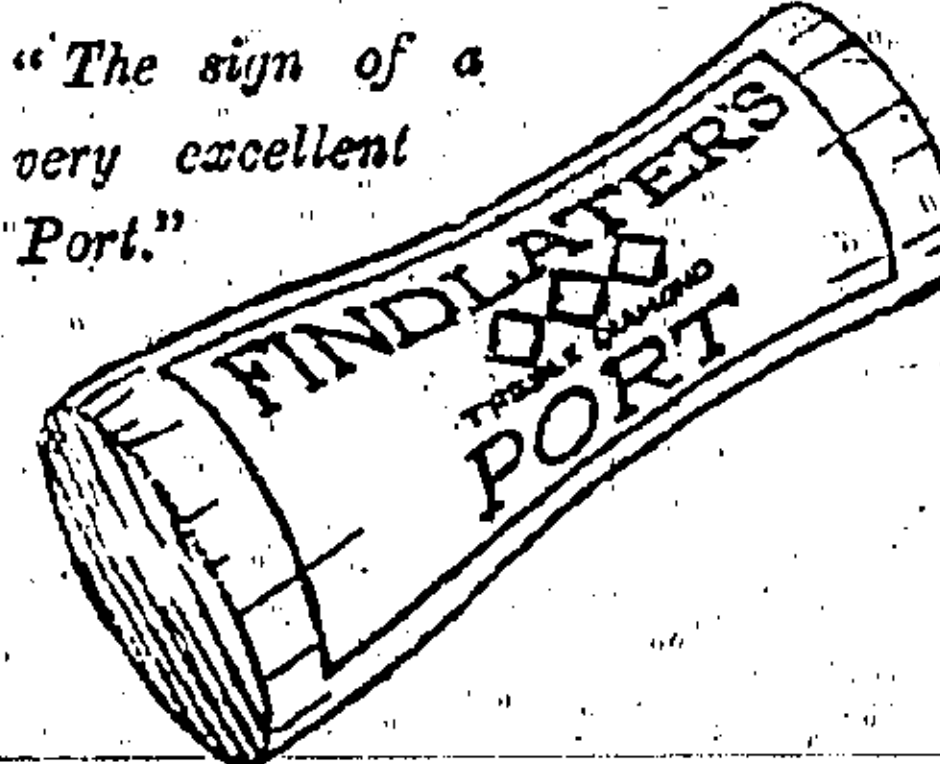
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 307.

1.—Annual Camp.
Full particulars regarding the annual camp which takes place between December 1st and 18th have been issued to all ranks on November 18th by type written circular.

Men can proceed to Camp the evening of the day before, i.e., on Friday evening, December 9th, 1927. O.C. Companies will report to the Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., as soon as possible the number of members attending camp, stating meals required, so that rations can be arranged.

Those wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at Fanning must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners names at Corps Headquarters by 2 p.m. on Friday, December 9th.

2.—Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, December 18th, and Thursday, December 15th, at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction.

There will be a shoot with a team from one H.M. ship on the Miniature Range on Wednesday, December 14th. Team to be notified later. Some members are still without hosetops; they are to draw them without further delay from C.Q.M.S. Millington.

3.—Artillery Company.
Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th, for Battery Drill.

Thursday, December 22nd. There will be a lecture by an officer from Kai Tak on Aeroplane co-operation with heavy Artillery. All ranks of the Corps are invited to be present.

4.—Engineer Company.
The Field Sections will go to Camp from December 8th to 12th. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on December 8th at 5.15 p.m. in order to catch the 5.43 p.m. train.

5.—Strength.
The following recruit is taken on the strength on December 1st, 1927, and posted to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish Co.):—No. 1294 Pte. A. N. Braude.

6.—Sergeants' Mess Meeting.
There will be a Sergeants' Mess Meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 22nd. All members will please attend.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, Major,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hong Kong, December 8th, 1927.

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HOW CHRIST WAS "MADE UP."

MR. R. A. D. FORREST
EXPLAINS!

JEWISH SECT PLUS MYSTERY PLAY.

Yesterday afternoon at Lane, Crawford's Lounge Mr. R. A. D. Forrest explained to the satisfaction of the Local Rationalist Association how the "Jesus myth" was created out of Jewish rites, Eastern symbolical language, gnosticism and a mystery play.

Christians would no doubt reply that by rather similar reasoning Mr. Gladstone was also resolved into a solar myth. They might even refer to a succession of writings accepted by scholarship that go back to the apostolic age, and they might even mention the verisimilitude of the story. In their hearts they would call to mind words of the Founder of their religion explaining the peculiar hatred that He would always arouse in certain minds. And so the argument would go on interminably, both sides gripped by an inner conviction and caring not two straws for special pleading on either side—and the opposition would have this in their favour that St. John's Cathedral stands, and both the beliefs and the ethics of the Four Gospels continue to spread.

Mr. Forrest said in part:—

The Gospel Jesus is a myth, no more or less real than Thor or Dionysus, and belief in his actual existence originated in a gradual misunderstanding, as the religion of Jesus was carried over from the mystic and gnostic East to the matter-of-fact peoples of the West unaccustomed to think in terms of myths.

Jewish Customs And Joshua.

The well-known difference of the Pharisees and Sadducees, or a diligent reading of the Old Testament, should put us on our guard against the too common idea that Judaism was at any ancient time a homogeneous religion. Rather we see an official cult centred in the Temple of Jerusalem jealously guarding its privileges and struggling to repress or absorb into itself local or popular religious practices. Now, there is evidence to show that among these local rites was the worship of Joshua, whose name is the Hebrew equivalent of Jesus. To this day he is spoken of in the Jewish New Year ritual in terms that best an angel rather than a mere mortal, and he appears to be identical with the angel of Exodus ch. xxiii. This reduction of gods who have been worsted in the struggle for existence to the rank of angels and finally to men provided with a local habitation and a name is common in developing monotheisms.

The second great influence in the formation of the new creed was that of gnosticism. Arising apparently outside the Jewish fold, in an interaction of Zoroastrian and Babylonian astrology, this early theosophy came even before the Christian era to borrow certain Jewish ideas. The gnostic systems are none of them completely known to us, but of the gnostic method we know sufficient to say that everything was spoken in parables, and we may conclude that to the initiate it was given to understand the mysteries. The now apocryphal book of "Wisdom" contains the following passage, where the speaker is Wisdom personified:—

"Come unto me all ye that be desirous of me and fill yourselves with my fruits. For the remembrance of me is sweeter than honey, and ripe inheritance than the honey-comb. They that eat me shall have the more hunger and they that drink me shall thirst the more."

The Logos.

In this will be recognised a curious anticipation of well-known New Testament verses. Philo refers to the Logos—originally an abstract word meaning "speech" or "reason"—and applied particularly in religion to the "reason" or "word" of God. The Logos is the comforter, the pleader for sinners before God, the great high priest. Philo, he it noted, was accustomed to interpret the Old Testament symbolically, and we may presume that he did not forget that he was dealing in metaphors, but what is more natural than that his phrases, or even the passage from "Wisdom" should induce readers to imagine an actual person to whom they are applied?

Eating The God.

Brief reference must now be made to the last of the influences of which I spoke. Almost throughout the world, but more especially in western Asia, we find traces of a custom known among anthropologists as that of Eating The God. In its fully developed form, for which with its many variants, I

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TRADE CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG.

A MERCHANT'S GENERAL
REVIEW.

REPORT SENT HOME.

FUTURE PROSPECTS FAIRLY GOOD.

A Hong Kong merchant, who sends periodical reports to business associates at Home regarding trading conditions in South China, has favoured us with copy of the report he has forwarded to London this week. His summing up of the situation will be read with interest.

"Since my last report," he writes, "business has proceeded satisfactorily although a certain section of the Chinese business community seem to be dissatisfied and wish to resort to artificial attempts to stimulate trade, not realising the danger of such a policy in view of the continued unsettled state in China. There can be no appreciable growth of trade in South China until healthier conditions prevail, and the present sound conservative trading is best suited to the needs of the moment."

"Business has recently been done in mild steel bars, wire nails, tin plates, and other sundries. In piece goods restricted ordering has taken place consisting mostly of repeats in Venetians, Gaberdines, Printed Meltons and Wool Imperials. Home prices are advancing and dealers are accordingly holding off in the hope of a reduction in price or a compensating advance in local exchange which at the moment shows an upward tendency. The market for Hosiery Yarns is an increasing one and although Continental prices are cheaper the Dealers, strange to say, in many cases prefer British wools of superior quality. This is contrary to their usual policy of buying the cheapest goods irrespective of quality. In the course of time they will no doubt realise that the cheapest article is sometimes the dearest."

"The year just closed has been a favourable one for most merchants here and future prospects are fairly good."

"His Excellency the Governor, Cecil Clementi has been away for a few weeks on a holiday. He has visited North China and has met most of the prominent Chinese and other Officials there. His courtesy, strength and intimate knowledge of the Chinese language and literature must have impressed those who came into contact with him and cannot fail to have benefitted our relations with the Chinese although the effect may not be immediately felt."

"Kaleidoscopic changes continue to take place in Chinese politics, but British interests remain comparatively unaffected although no distinct improvement can be noted. The 'reds' are not popular in China but their influence is still felt as 'Evil is a far more cunning and persevering propagandist than good, for it has no inward strength, and is driven to seek countenance and sympathy.'"

"I would refer you to Frazer's 'Golden Bough,' the custom consists in sacrificial cannibalism, the victim being identified with the god, clad in royal raiment, worshipped, and finally slain and eaten by the worshippers, who thus become one with the god whom the victim personated. Pagan manners in time reduced this to a merely symbolic rite, in which the human victim was represented by an animal or even by some other foodstuffs. Many, if not most, religions have had their sacramental meals."

"We are now in a position to see the genesis of Christianity in the peculiar reverence paid to Joshua, i.e., Jesus. The Messiah was expected and pre-Christian worshippers of Jesus were accustomed to meet for a sacramental meal whereby they became members of the god whom they ate in symbol."

"I am conscious of many weaknesses in this paper, due in part to the urgency of time. I have been compelled to state dogmatically much for which I should have liked to have given chapter and verse. In particular I should have liked to have spoken of Robertson's special contribution to the problem, his finding of the score of the Gospels in a kind of mystery play in which the early Christians showed forth the death of their god."

In conclusion I must add that it would only mislead if I left you with the impression that the theory here outlined is held even by a majority of non-Christian scholars. On the other hand, I would say that the number of its adherents among scholars is both considerable and increasing. It is maintained by British, American, German, Danish and French writers, and while revolutionary changes in thought on such matters are not to be looked for, I believe it will gain ground, if slowly, yet steadily."

THE SHORTAGE OF TIN.

EFFECT OF MR. FORD'S
ACTIVITIES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, December 8th.
Speaking at a meeting of the London Tin Syndicate to-day, Lord Askwith, the Chairman, declared it was idle to dispute the menace of a tin shortage.

He said the threatened shortage would probably have materialised this year, but for the temporary lull in the American motor-car industry caused by the reorganisation of Mr. Ford's works.

Mr. Askwith added that at the present time there are actually only 3,000 tons in the warehouses in this country and in the United States, which is not even a fortnight's requirements. With the larger requirements looming immediately ahead, there is an urgent need of increased production.

MOVEMENT OF GOLD TO LONDON.

U.S. SHIPMENTS FOLLOW
STERLING RISE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 8th.
The first movement of gold to Britain since sterling rose above parity several weeks ago, and the first this year, is being made to-day, the International Acceptance Bank shipping a million dollars.

Yesterday's sterling cables quoted G.4.88, which is interpreted in Wall Street as indicating that the gold shipping point has been reached.

THE BRITISH—EXCHEQUER.

REVENUE AND EXPENDI-
TURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 8th.
The exchequer revenue from April 1st to December 3rd is \$447,393,789, and the expenditure \$571,471,948, compared with \$434,404,538 and \$534,003,989 in the corresponding period last year.

THE WORLD COURT.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, December 6th.
Signor Azilotti, of Italy, has been elected President of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and will hold office from 1928 to 1930.

THE GLADSTONE DOCK.

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[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, December 8th.
The Gladstone graving dock, which is the first completed section of the new system of docks at Liverpool, has now been thrown open to shipping.

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M.C.C. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ANOTHER BIG SCORE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DURBAN, Dec. 6th.
In the match against Natal, the M.C.C. team touring South Africa declared with the score at 334 for 4 wickets.

Natal's scores were 192 and 167 for 8 wickets. Match drawn.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

WEAKER TENDENCY.

The Compagnie de Commerce & de Navigation D'Extrême-Orient in their report dated Saigon, November 30th, state:—The tendency of our market has been weaker. Some enquiries have been received from Europe but there is practically no demand from the other markets.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to November 15th, 1927, is 1,296,945,512 tons against 1,248,599,812 tons in 1926.

We quote to-day white Saigon rice No. 1 25 per cent. broken round gain: Hong Kong \$6.40 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; 11s. 0d. per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; Yen 7.05 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon.

White Saigon rice No. 2 sifted Japan quality: Hong Kong \$5.90 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; 10s. 11d. per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; Yen 6.50 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon.

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INTERESTING COMMERCIAL SECTION.

The first Agricultural Show to be held in the New Territories was opened yesterday at Tung Ying Hok Po (Lady Ho Tung's Experimental Farm), Sheung Shui, by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), who is patron of the Show.

Despite the rain the exhibition proved a success from all points of view though there is no doubt that had the weather been better there would have been a larger attendance. As it was there were about 2,000 present, and if it is fine to-day there will probably be an even larger attendance.

The show, in the opinion of the judges, exceeded all expectations. The exhibits both for competition and those not for competition were of a very high standard indeed, and the function should prove the first of a long series of such affairs steadily growing in size and importance as the years pass.

The show should certainly give very real encouragement to the development on modern and progressive lines of agriculture in all its various phases in the New Territories.

H.E. the Governor and the Rev. H. R. Wells made very interesting speeches. His Excellency urged New Territories agriculturists to aim at making the Colony self-supporting in the matter of vegetables, and also suggested that there were many other profitable crops to be grown there. Special emphasis was laid on the undoubted possibilities for the development of forestry on the bare hills, on the lines on which this is being done in the formerly barren places of Japan and Korea.

The high quality of the exhibits proved a surprise to everyone and it took the judges over two hours to make their awards. H.E. the Governor's special prize was won by Kam Tsin district, and the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes' prize by Lady Ho Tung's Experimental Farm.

The show will again be open to-day.

THE OPENING CEREMONY.

At 2.30 p.m. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and Lady Clementi arrived at the entrance to Lady Ho Tung's experimental farm. By this time the rain had ceased, although the sky remained overcast and cloudy.

There was an auspicious entry to the grounds in which the exhibition had been staged. Just inside the entrance gates there stood on either side to welcome His Excellency and Lady Clementi the Chairman of the Show, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. Fung Kri Cheuk (representing the reception committee), and an assembly of New Territory Elders, the Chinese members of the Agricultural Show Committee, and officials of the Show, with all of whom Sir Cecil Clementi shook hands as he entered the grounds. In the meanwhile, the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers had struck up the National Anthem.

From the entrance there was a procession to the special and highly decorative Chinese gate which had been erected at the entrance to the exhibition. It was from here that His Excellency, who is Patron of the Show, declared the show open.

The Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E. (Chairman of the Committee) presided, and on the day were H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi, while among the large concourse grouped around were Capt. Whyte (A.D.C. to the Governor), District Officer North and Vice-Patron of the Show, Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Lady Ho Tung, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. P. Braga (Hon. Secretary of the Show), members of the Chinese Committee and Elders, Mrs. J. A. Fraser, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, Mr. Kwok Shui Lau, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. G. P. de Martin (Education Department), Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. W. G. Gerrard (A.S.P. New Territories), and many others.

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Mr. Wells The Prime Mover.

I also rejoice that it has been my privilege to open this first agricultural show ever held in the New Territories. I had so often as Land Officer in the Territories that a show such as we see here to-day would be a great encouragement and incentive to agriculture in the New Territories. It never took definite

shape until Mr. Wells came to me shortly after my return to Hong Kong and suggested that a Committee should be formed to organise a show of this kind.

Mr. Wells is therefore the prime mover in this matter and our thanks are chiefly due to him (applause). Mr. Wells has quite rightly said that this is not a one man show, and the co-operation of many men has been necessary to make this exhibition a success.

Mr. Braga And Lady Ho Tung.

A second enthusiast in the cause is Mr. Braga (applause). He has not only apparently been the largest contributor in money, but has also brought a fund of ideas. Then I must mention especially and honourably Lady Ho Tung (applause). Lady Ho Tung has not only been of great assistance in organising this exhibition, but has given her grounds in which this show is being held, and for many years past has deeply interested herself in agriculture, and especially in cereal culture in the New Territories. I therefore have no hesitation in saying that but for the help of Lady Ho Tung this exhibition could not have been held. (Applause.)

The Whole Committee.

When the idea of an exhibition was first suggested to me I insisted that it must be unofficial, that is to say the organisation must be unofficial and not official, and therefore, although the show had my full co-operation I felt that the committee should be mainly unofficial. Nevertheless, I requested Mr. Fraser, when you so kindly invited him to be your Vice-Patron, to serve, because I felt he might be of assistance to you with his advice. I well know the paternal interest Mr. Fraser takes in this Territory (applause).

We must also thank many officials and I also wish to thank Mr. Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, because I feel much of the success of the show is due to him (applause).

In one word I wish to thank the whole Committee, both European and Chinese, for the strenuous work they have done (applause).

As is usual on these occasions, the opener of an exhibition has to speak under the disadvantage of not having seen it. I have often thought it would be far better if the officer whose duty it was to open the exhibition was first taken around the exhibition and then he might be able to make some intelligent remarks concerning it. Unfortunately I am reduced to making a few general remarks on this occasion because I cannot speak of any individual exhibits.

Opportunity For Vegetable Growers.

There are two matters which I have always felt were of great importance to this Territory which I should like to dwell on.

First I think greater effort should be made to grow vegetables in the New Territories, and I hope this show will give a greater impetus to the growing of vegetables. At present your staple product is rice, but you cannot grow enough rice for the requirements of Hong Kong. Therefore, Hong Kong is obliged, and always will be obliged, to import a greater portion of its rice from such places as Saigon and Bangkok. There is no reason why the New Territories should not produce within itself practically all the vegetables required for Hong Kong. It does not at present do so, and therefore we still have to import vegetables. It is not even as if the present proprietors in the New Territories ate their own rice. As you know, you grow rice which is so good that you prefer to sell it at a higher price away from the Territory and import a cheaper kind of rice for yourself. Therefore I put it that it will be better for yourself and be much more beneficial to the Colony that you grow vegetables for which you would get even greater benefit.

This is a matter in which the Botanical and Forestry Department will give you every help, and the Government too.

Another matter I wish to talk about is forestry. I have often spoken to you on that before, both when I was here as Assistant Land Officer and since I became Governor. It is most unfortunate that so large an area of land in this Colony lies waste and is not being used for better profit. I have just come back from a journey which has taken me through Japan and Korea. It is very striking to see how forestry has developed in Japan. Practically all hills are covered with trees and the timber industry is becoming a very important industry in Japan. Then I went from Japan to Korea, where not many years ago the hills were as bare as those in the New Territories.

During the last ten years the Japanese Government has been introducing forestry methods which have already been most successful.

It is striking as one looks out of the windows of a railway carriage travelling from North to South of Korea, as I did to find all along the line evidence of forestry being introduced. I put it to you that the same thing could very well be done in the New Territories.

THE SHOW.

In the words of one of the officials, whom a Daily Press reporter interviewed, "the show has exceeded all expectations. We are very well pleased with the result of our efforts and we feel we have been well repaid for our long and strenuous labours in connection with it. Also we feel sure that with a continuance of these shows from year to year there will be an improvement in local agricultural methods all round, and that this show, and others to follow will provide a much needed impetus and encouragement to the Chinese to do more and get more from their labours. The speech of H.E. the Governor this afternoon should do much in that direction."

The show, our reporter was informed was quite successful, but there would probably have been an increased number of exhibits if it had been held later in the season, but it was decided to hold the show at this time of the year in order to meet the requirements of the New Territories villagers.

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It cannot, however, possibly be done without the co-operation of the villagers and the village elders, and I therefore hope that you will in this matter give me your help.

Bamboo, Cotton And Tea.

There are other products which you could grow in the New Territories, I imagine. For instance cotton, as it is grown in Japan. Cotton has already been grown here quite successfully. I am told that a report of an expert from Nanking shows that cotton is even better here than the cotton between Nanking and Shanghai. I also think that many of the hillside would be useful for growing tea. Therefore, you should not only concentrate your energies on areas already under cultivation, but should also try and bring all waste land into beneficial use.

Your aim should be as far as possible, to make the New Territories and Hong Kong self-supporting.

It has been my wish to present a prize to-day for some of the exhibits, and I still intend to do so, but as I only came back a few days ago the prize is not with me to-day. I shall have to send it later.

"I Congratulate You Very Much."

I propose now to go around the show with your Committee and they will no doubt advise me which is the exhibit most deserving of the prize.

I congratulate you very much upon all your enterprise and I hope that this is only the first of a long series of successful shows to be held here in the New Territories.

Thank you very much for your help.

His Excellency and Lady Clementi, then made a tour of inspection of the show, accompanied by the Chairman and members of the Committee and officials.

Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi spent a considerable time in carrying out their inspection, and paid minute attention to all exhibits.

OTHER EXHIBITS.

There were many exhibits of much interest, and high standard, which were not for competition. An exceedingly interesting part of the exhibition, and a section which attracted considerable attention was the display of Chinese agricultural implements, which formed a big contrast with the modern farming implements of to-day, shown by the Ford products. The Chinese implements, included a cumbersome machine styled a three-men water mill machine, with a smaller one worked by hand. The large one is worked by feet by three coolies.

There were also an ancient rice thrashing and rice husking machine, in use to-day among the Chinese agriculturists, and it will take some time before they will be willing to give up their traditional implements.

WHAT THE JUDGES THOUGHT.

The Judges expressed a very high opinion of everything they saw, both the exhibits for competition and those not for competition.

Interviewed, one of the judges said "we had no idea, until we saw everything assembled, what the New Territories could produce, and we only hope this show will be the means of encouraging the production of more and better still. We were particularly struck with the vegetable section. They were fine. If the show could have been held a month later the number of exhibitors could easily have been trebled, but on the whole we consider it to be great success."

There were six sections in the show these being:—

Roots, Green Vegetables, Rice, Other Cereals, Cotton and Tea (only one exhibit) and not for competition.

In respect of them all the judges passed a verdict that they were all exceptionally good.

The only thing that did not come up to standard was the sugar cane, which was considered to be poor. Practically all the sections were well supported.

EXHIBITS AND DISTRICTS.

Interesting details in connection with the exhibits are:—

Exhibitors: About 200.

Exhibits: Number about 6,000 to 8,000.

Attendance: Numbered about 2,000.

Districts competing, and given in order of how they won first prizes:—Kam Teir, Yau Long, Tai Po, Kowloon, Castle Peak, Fanling, Sha Tin, Tsun Wan, Sheung Shui, Sun Tin, Shatankok. (Above districts had first prizes fairly evenly distributed among them).

Other competing districts:—Cheung Chau, Lantau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung.

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ARMED ROBBERS BATTLE WITH POLICE.

YESTERDAY'S EARLY MORNING REIGN OF TERROR.

CONSTABLE AND ROBBER SHOT DEAD.

SERGT. McMAHON AND CHINESE CONSTABLES DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED.

A shooting outrage of the kind that is only too common just now in Shanghai and Chicago was perpetrated here by four Chinese gunmen early on Tuesday morning. These desperadoes are thought to have been returning from an armed robbery when they were accosted by a posse of police on search duty. Without hesitating for a moment, they drew their pistols and fired point blank at the officers. Sergeant McMahon was shot down, and a running duel between police officers and the gunmen ensued, in the course of which a Chinese constable and a robber were shot dead. Three other police officers and one of the robbers also received serious gunshot wounds. A member of the gang was captured, while the fourth man made good his escape.

If gunmen think that they are likely to do better here than in Shanghai last night's affair will at least teach them a lesson. They learnt that the local police have quite as much courage and determination as their gallant confreres in Shanghai, and they can shoot quite as straight. The forces of the law will know how to deal out adequate punishment to any of this human vermin that escapes shooting out of hand by surrender.

THE CASUALTIES.

Killed.
Chinese Constable No. 369 Wan, Wong Chi.
Seriously Wounded.
European Sergeant No. 107 T. McMahon.
Indian Constable No. 332 Ali Asgar Khan.
Chinese Constable No. 66 Chan Sing.
Chinese Detective Constable No. 440 Lui Tung.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

On inquiry at the Government Civil Hospital last night Dr. Valentine informed us that the operation on Sergeant McMahon had proved successful but the patient's condition was very grave indeed. Today is expected to be the critical time.

The two Chinese Constables are also in great danger; the Indian constable is going on well and the wounded robber is expected to recover.

THE STORY IN ITS SEQUENCE.

The Prologue.

At 1.30 a.m. two men in long gowns entered the Lee Sun Cafe at Queen's Road West where they ordered meals and wine. Shortly after another two men also took a table there. All these four men had been to the cafe before. Business was dull that night, so the proprietor of the cafe seeing only four customers in the place, turned off the lights at the outside door, which he kept closed. Immediately this was done, the four men produced revolvers and held up the inmates of the cafe. They drove them all into an inner room, tied them up with wire coils and gagged them with walnuts.

The robbers found the key of the safe after a little trouble and with it they opened the safe and stole \$200 in cash. They manacled the place and after helping themselves to the proprietor's long silk gown, decamped.

All this took the robbers about 20 minutes and after they had left, the victims freed themselves and reported the matter at No. 7 Station.

What Was Happening Outside.

While the inmates of the Cafe were being tied and gagged and the premises looted, Sergeant McMahon and a posse of constables were leisurely walking towards Wing Lok Street and heading for the new block of the Western Market.

The night was warm and quiet. The street seemed peaceful when four men were seen and the police, in the ordinary course of their duty, stopped the first two to carry out a search. Without hesitation the two robbers drew their revolvers and fired point blank at the police officers, Sergeant McMahon and a Chinese detective named Lui Tung being wounded. The robbers took to their heels, and a sharp skirmish was begun.

The fugitives headed for Wing Lok Street running in an easterly direction, and pursuing them were one Indian Lance-Sergeant, one Indian constable and another Chinese constable.

The robbers fired as they ran, but fortunately all their shots went wide. After chasing for about fifty yards, one of the gunmen was captured and a fully loaded revolver was found on him.

Police Shoot Down One.

The chase went on, amid the shrieking of police whistles. So far the Police had had the worst of the encounter, but the Indians and the Chinese constable were not in the least daunted and doggedly kept up the chase amid a shower of bullets, until nearing the end of Wing Lok Street, one of the pursuers brought down the first robber.

Chinese Constable Shot Dead.

After one of their number had been captured and another shot down at Wing Lok Street, the remaining two robbers dashed into Des Voeux Road Central, still hotly pursued by the police officers. For a time the three constables lost sight of their quarry, until a shot fired by the leading man put the police on the track again. One of the robbers had disappeared and the chase was then centred on the remaining man. This man, however, did a good deal of damage before he was caught. He ran from Des Voeux Road into the waterfront passing the San Nam Hoi Wharf in a easterly direction.

When he neared the Yaumatei Ferry Wharf, a Chinese constable on search duty at the wharf pluckily made an attempt to stop the robber, but was shot dead on the spot. The bravery of this constable is all the more apparent when it is stated that he was unarmed at the time.

Lone Gunman Fights On.

After killing the searcher at the wharf, the gunman made for Pedder Street, passing the Post Office building and running along Des Voeux Road made a detour for the Central Market. While passing the Post Office Building, an Indian Police constable named Ali Asgar Khan joined in the chase. Being a fast runner, the Indian was close upon his man when he was also shot in the thigh.

The Indian went down and the chase was kept up by a Chinese constable. The robber again fired at his pursuer, and the bullet penetrated the policeman's tunic but was diverted by the buckle of his belt. The constable fired back and brought his man down.

The Epilogue.

The injured officers and robbers were sent to the Government Civil Hospital. But when the police went to pick up the first robber who was shot in Wing Lok Street, the man was found to be dead.

European Sergeant McMahon was operated upon yesterday at 1 p.m. and his condition was said to be very serious.

The other injured police officers were Indian Constable No. 332 Ali Asgar Khan, Chinese constable No. 66 Chan Sing and Chinese detective constable No. 440 Lui Tung.

THE OFFICIAL VERSION.

Interview yesterday morning, Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, said that on account of the approach of the Chinese New Year, since last week each division had sent out a special search picket as a preventative measure. The duty of this picket was to search suspects for arms or property which might be suspected to have been unlawfully acquired. The pickets

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PERSONNEL OF CANTON'S GOVERNMENT.

SOME OF THE PLANS.

MAKING AND ABOLISHING DEPARTMENTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Political Council of the Kuomintang in Canton have re-organized the Kwangtung Provincial Administrative Council and the members of the latest Canton regime are:—Mrs. Liao Chung Hoi; Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Li Chang Tat, Commissioner of Civil Affairs; Mr. Hsu Chung Ching, Commissioner of Education; Mr. Chen Shih Jen, Commissioner of Reconstruction; Mr. Ying Pak, Commissioner of Agriculture and Labour; Mr. Chau Min Cho, Commissioner of Finance; Mr. Chu Yat Fai, Commissioner of Military Affairs and Chief of Police; Mr. Yui Hoi Chan, Commissioner of Justice; and Mr. Chan Kung Pok and Mr. Li Long Yu.

The Provincial Committee of the Kuomintang of Kwangtung has formally issued an order asking all subordinate organs under its jurisdiction to receive no communications from the Special Commission of the Kuomintang in Nanking, an authority Canton does not now recognize.

The Government is finding that there are far too many administrative departments and those of Public Lands and Industries are to be abolished. On the other hand, a Bureau of Public Charity, a Prison Reform Commission, and a new sub-department of the Bureau of Civil Affairs have been appointed. The new sub-department is to watch the interests of overseas Chinese.

The Ministry of Finance is not issuing any more paper money for the present. Those holding monopolies or have had taxes farmed out to them are being pressed for payment in advance. During the next few days the Government hopes to collect from \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

While it is extremely improbable that the Canton Treasury will be able to appropriate \$200,000 monthly as decided upon by the Provincial Council for public highway purposes, Mr. Albert H. S. Chuck, Commissioner of Public Highways, has optimistically planned the completion and opening of three roads. One will lead (if constructed) from the north of Canton City to White Cloud Hill, a distance of about three miles; another from the City to Tsengshih, will be about 40 miles long and a third, from the City to Whampoa, will be eight or nine miles.

did duty in spells of three hours from between 6 p.m. and midnight and between midnight and 6 a.m.

Mr. King then described the fight as related above.

Mr. King added that at the time the picket challenged the gunmen, they had had no information of the armed robbery and stopped the suspects in the ordinary course of duty to search them. The picket had no idea that the men they wanted to search were armed robbers, as no alarm had reached them from the raided coffee shop at No. 150, Queen's Road West.

The Two Incidents Connected.

Explaining the connection of the gunmen with the men who committed the armed robbery at No. 150, Queen's Road West, Mr. King said that when the two messages of the two affairs reached Police Headquarters, it was immediately clear that the four men who took part in the robbery and the four gunmen were the same persons, and this had since turned out to be so, as the gunman who was shot dead in Wing Lok Street was subsequently identified by the coffee shop *kokis* as one of the four men who had raided their shop.

\$500 Reward.

Two revolvers and one automatic (all with several rounds expended) were seized by the Police from the three gunmen who have been accounted for, and a reward of \$500 has been offered for information which will lead to the arrest of the fourth gunman, who made good his escape.

Sergeant McMahon.

Sergeant McMahon has only been in the Force a little over four years, having arrived here on September 6th, 1923. He was recently married to Miss Marie Jane Blundson, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blundson.

Mrs. McMahon is a good swimmer and has featured in many aquatic events at the V.R.C.

LI TSAI HSIN IN SWATOW.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY DECLARED.

THE PRESENT PROPOSAL.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN SWATOW.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

SWATOW, Dec. 6th.
General Li Tsai Hsin arrived here to-day by the old transport *Fook On* direct from Shanghai. To-morrow is declared a general public holiday—no Customs, no Post Office, no work.

It is stated that General Li Tsai Hsin intends to establish a new provincial government in Swatow for the province of Kwangtung.

The four funnel Chinese gunboat *Feiyang*, which bombarded Swatow some two months ago when the "Reds" were in charge of the port, went out last night to meet the *Fook On* and to welcome the General from Shanghai.

Referring to my yesterday's letter and to the murdering and looting by the "Reds" in the surrounding districts, very little further news has come to hand as no one dares to move about between the villages and towns. The state of affairs up-country is unspeakable. These "Reds," or whoever they are, appear to be going mad. If they do as they are doing now after a fine harvest what will they do in a "lean" year.

I suppose we must follow the only possible line and wait patiently for the poison to work out as very little trade is possible.

TWO KUOMINTANG ORGANISATIONS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Kwangtung Province has now two Kuomintang Party organizations. A group of six the Kuomintang Provincial Executive Committee made their way from Canton to Swatow, and they have established an administrative "authority" there, administration being effective from December 5th. One of their first acts was to call General Li Tsai Hsin back to Kwangtung.

The Council have also appointed Capt. Chan Chack, a Hainanese, as Commander of the Cantonese Navy. The commander of the *s.s. Feiyang* will be second in command.

General Wong Kie Cheung is to command the army in the West River sector and General Shi Ao, the Southern Kwangtung forces, by order of the Canton Military Commission.

General Li Tsai Hsin has just wired to the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, stating that he will not recognize the payments of dues and other contributions paid to the present Canton regime. At the same time, the present Canton regime have issued a statement accusing General Li of having been responsible for the extortion of the \$10,000,000 from the merchants and bankers recently, in addition to other "crimes" committed by him when in power in Canton.

SMALL PROSPECT OF PEACE.

CANTONESE AND THE PARTY LEADERS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Cantonese General, Li Fuk Lin who commands the 5th Army Corps is busy recruiting ten fresh regiments. In Canton it is being said that the Government is arming at a force of 50,000 men to meet the threatened attack from Kwangsi. Nanking Government, for what it is worth is backing Kwangsi, and Cantonese said to be supporting this faction include Mr. Sun Fo, Mr. Hu Han Min and Dr. C. C. Wu. All the latest reports emphasize the irreconcilable nature of the disagreements between the different sections of the Kuomintang and that further fighting being the different groups must be expected.

Mr. Wang Ching Wei and his party strongly repudiate the charge that they are adherents of Bolshevism and that Mr. Wang himself is a Chinese secretary of the Third International and that General Chang Fat Fui and Wong Kie Cheung have already renewed their invitation to the "Reds" to make their headquarters in Canton.

The *Industrial and Commercial Daily Press* of Hong Kong (which is still excluded from Canton) declared in a leading article yesterday, that no good would come of the proposed alliance between Mr. Wang Ching Wei and General Chiang Kai Shek. The left wing of the Kuomintang would do better to rely on themselves instead of seeking military support.

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KNOCKED INTO THE HARBOUR.

DEATH OF AN OPIUM ADDICT.

CLANSMAN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

The incident in which a Chinese was knocked unconscious and then thrown into the harbour was further investigated when Chan Tin Chae, a clansman of the deceased, was before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Prisoner was charged with manslaughter and was defended by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks.

In his outline of the case the previous day, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) said that he could suggest no motive for the crime. The deceased was going back to his native village by one of the Shekhi towboats, but for some reason came ashore on that night (November 16th) and he was attacked by three men. When the alarm was raised, the assailants ran away in different directions, and during the chase the defendant was caught.

At yesterday's hearing Mr. J. T. Prior watched the case on behalf of the father of the deceased.

Medical Evidence.
Dr. Cannon, who examined the body of the deceased identified as Chan Kwok Tim, stated that in his opinion the primary cause of death was drowning. Deceased's physical condition was emaciated, and there were signs that he was strongly addicted to opium smoking. There were no marks of violence on the body.

Evidence of Constables.

Chinese constable Kwok Cheong, the first witness called, said that he was on search duty at Luen Cheong wharf at 1.30 a.m. on November 16th when he heard cries of "save life" and saw three men running in the direction of Jubilee Street. Two men were dressed in dark clothing and one in white. Witness gave chase, but lost sight of them when he got to Des Voeux Road Central.

The next witness, constable Fong Shu, stated that he was at the time on duty at the Yaumatei ferry wharf, and also gave chase, blowing his whistle. Witness followed a man dressed in white clothing running along Chung Kwok Street and saw him being stopped by another constable.

In answer to Mr. Brooks, witness said that he did not see the man's face, but he was the only man running in the street at the time. Detective constable Shum Wai gave evidence of stopping the defendant in Chung Kwok Street when he came running in his direction shortly after he (witness) heard the sound of police whistles.

"Not Cautioned."

A Chinese interpreter at the Central Police Station charge room said that he acted as interpreter when Inspector Lane questioned the defendant after he was brought in. Answering Mr. Brooks, witness said that he did not caution the defendant before putting questions to him.

Acting Inspector Lane was on the point of telling the Court the answers given by defendant when Mr. Brooks objected on the ground that defendant had not been cautioned. The case was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

A CONTRACTOR'S POVERTY.

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A Chinese building contractor appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on charges of deviating from the approved plan in the erection of a building in Portland Street and with failing to comply with a Magistrate's order made last September when he was fined \$50 and ordered to demolish the work within seven days.

Mr. Neville, of the P.W.D., told the Court that work on the building had been stopped and nothing had been done to comply with the order. Defendant had called at the office and pleaded that poverty prevented him from putting the work in hand.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty to the charges, was fined \$25 on the first count and \$75 on the second. Remarking that business was slack, defendant asked for time to pay the fine. His Worship allowed him time until the afternoon to pay the first fine but said he could pay the other later. The alternative would be two weeks' hard labour on the first count and six weeks on the other.

One of the arguments being advanced in favour of inviting General Chen Ching Ming and his supporters to Canton is that the present regime declares as its policy "Canton for the Cantonese"; that it is "anti-Red"; and that it is anti-militaristic and in favour of the reduction of army expenses in order to devote the revenue saved to the promotion of local industries and the development of the province's resources. The Chen group declare that they will co-operate in every way possible and do all they can to enable the Cantonese to secure peace.

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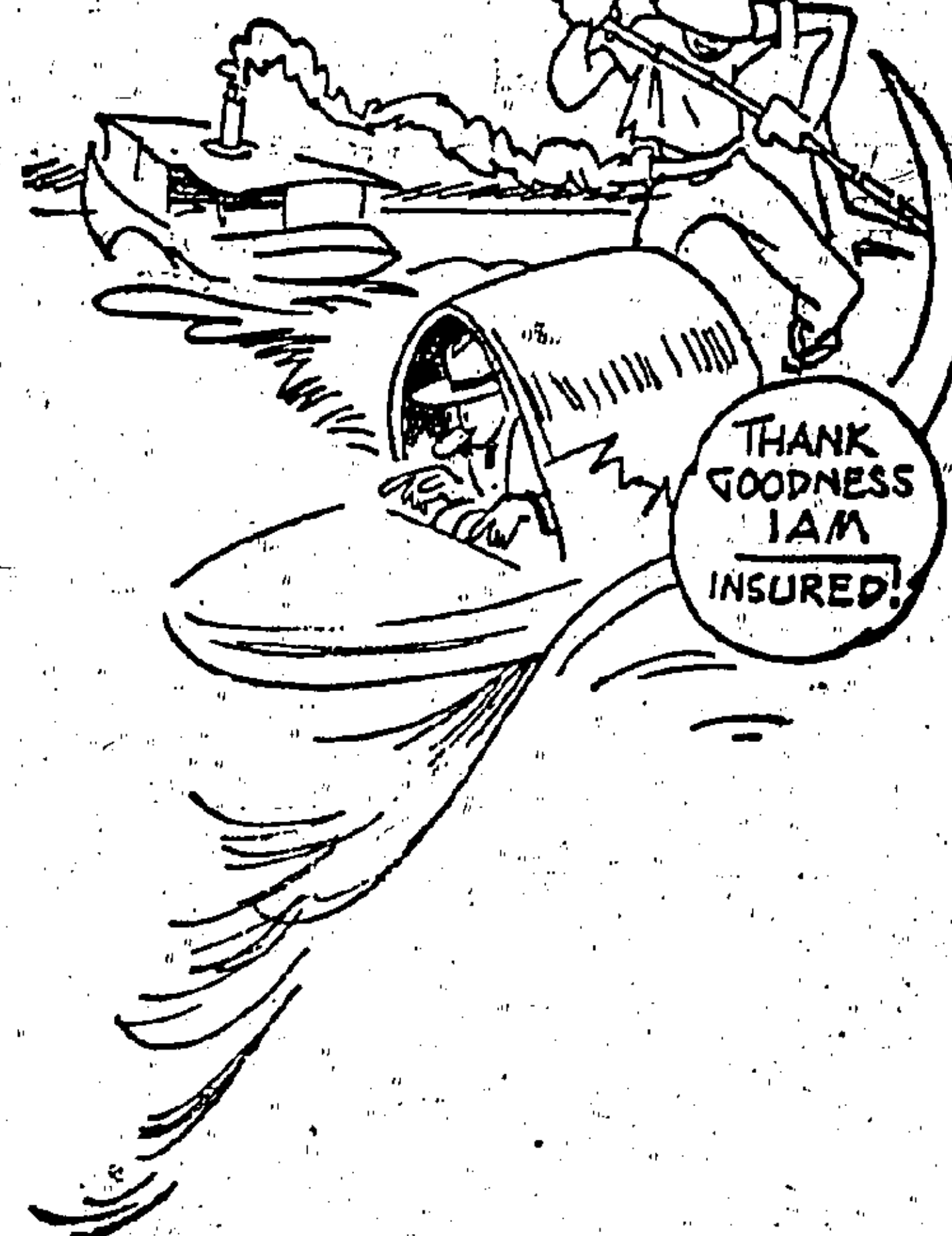
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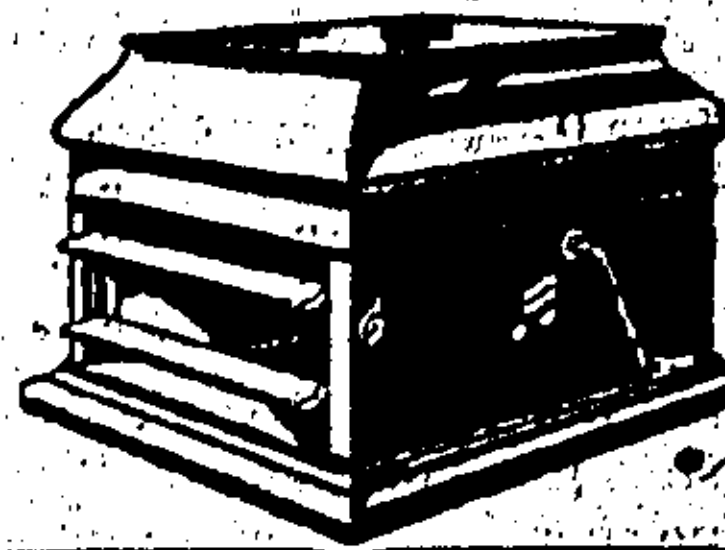
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THE NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 22, Great St. Helena, Kowloon, on THURSDAY, the 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th DECEMBER, 1927, until THURSDAY, the 22nd DECEMBER, 1927, Both Days inclusive. Shareholders intending to send in for Registration Transfers of Fully Paid "New" Shares are particularly requested to note that the liability to pay the Final Call of \$2 Per Share is not transferred to the Transferee, and the Company will therefore require Payment of the Final Call before registering a Transfer of "New" Shares.

On all Final Calls paid in advance of the ultimately due date, the Company pays Interest half-yearly, i.e., to 31st DECEMBER and 30th JUNE, at the rate of Seven Per Cent. Per Annum from the date of payment of the call until the date when the call finally falls due.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
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Hong Kong, 8th Dec., 1927. [5810]

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EVENTS—

Mixed Doubles—Open and Handicap.
Men's Doubles—"
Men's Singles—"
Ladies' Doubles—"
Ladies' Singles—"

The Committee have decided that the Tournament must be completed as soon as possible and the Time allowed for the Completion of Each Round will be limited. The Tournament Rules will be strictly enforced.

G. F. CHARLES,
Captain,
The United Services Recreation Club,
Hon. Secy. U.S.R.C.

[5800]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. D. D. MEHTA, and Mr. M. D. MEHTA, have CEASED to have any Connection with Our Firm since 23rd OCTOBER, 1927. The Power of Attorney given by us in their Favour has been CANCELLED.

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NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF SHARE WARRANTS TO BEABER.

HOLDERS of Share Warrants to Beaber in the above Company Numbered 1. to 336,000 (inclusive) of 20 Shares Each are Reminded that after payment of Coupon No. 50 the Coupons on such Warrants will be EXCHANGED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that after the date for payment of the dividend for which Coupon No. 50 will be used holders of these Beaber Warrants should cut off the talons attached to the warrants. Particulars of the talons should then be entered in a PRINTED LIST (Forms of which will be obtainable ONLY AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICE, ST. HELEN'S COURT, 22, GREAT ST. HELEN'S, LONDON, E.C.4.) and the Printed List ACCOMPANIED BY THE TALONS should be lodged by the holder in Person (if Resident in England) or by his Banker or other Agent Resident in England (BUT NOT THROUGH THE POST) at the Company's Office mentioned above.

No talon will be accepted unless accompanied by a list duly completed and signed by the warrant holder (if Resident in England) or by a banker or other Agent Resident in England. Receipts will be given for the talons and if these are found in order new coupons will be issued in exchange for the receipts on or after the FOURTH DAY after lodgment of talons and Lists.

By Order of the Board,
E. A. SMITH REWSE,
Secretary.

ST. HELEN'S COURT,
22, Great St. Helena,
London, October, 1927. [5800]

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FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1927.
(Weather Permitting).

FIRST SADDLING BELL: 12.30 P.M.
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S.S. "SUI AN"—9.30 A.M.,
SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN"—8.30 A.M.,
SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

RETURN FROM MACAO—

S.S. "LUNGSHAN"—5.00 P.M.,
SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

S.S. "SUI AN"—8.30 P.M.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary. [5897]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 dated Hong Kong, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1927, for Ten Shares of this Bank numbered 56180/56189 in the Name of Mr. ARNOLD RUSSELL RIVETT has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 22nd DECEMBER, 1927, a New Certificate for the Shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 13017 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1927. [5853]

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BIRTH.
HENDERSON.—At the French Hospital, on December 5th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. HENDERSON, a son. [5818]

DEATHS.
DAVIES.—On December 1st, at Shanghai, Rev. HENRY HAMILTON DAVIES, aged 59.
GEORGE.—On December 2nd, at Yokohama, Mrs. NEIL F. GEORGE, of pneumonia. [5818]

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 8th, 1927.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE AS AN ECONOMIC UNIT.

The statement by the Secretary for the Air, Sir SAMUEL HOARE, which we published in Tuesday's issue throws an interesting, if indirect, light upon the great project of developing the British Empire as an economic unit. Sir ALFRED MOND has been the leading exponent of such a policy and we have from time to time published his speeches and articles on this subject. The Secretary for the Air announces that experiments now in progress by his department should result in airships which would bring New Zealand, the furthest outpost of the Empire, within twelve or thirteen days of London, while Egypt would be reached in two days and India in six. Such a service, worked in conjunction with beam wireless, should see an astonishing development in inter-Imperial trade. It means that business can be carried out with infinitely greater speed and convenience, when, not merely brief messages but plans, detailed specifications and even samples can be exchanged with so little delay.

The greatest need of the day for England and the Empire is to secure a constant and sufficient market for the products of those great British cities which the

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slackening of world trade and other causes have turned from being our greatest asset into an economic liability and a social danger. At the same time the prosperity and development of the overseas dominions depend upon Britain being able to receive their raw materials in increasing quantity. Britain, as Sir ALFRED MOND has pointed out, has two alternatives; either economic union with Europe or else with the Empire. He does not suggest a clear division either way, but there must be a definite turning in one direction or the other. Sir ALFRED MOND is of German extraction; the great firm with which his name is associated has wide European commitments, and he himself was brought up in the Liberal tradition of world as against Empire trade. Yet despite these natural predispositions Sir ALFRED MOND clearly favours an Imperial policy. There can be no doubt that so able a man would base his belief on sound business and, not mere sentimental or imperialistic grounds. If he considered a European policy to be England's material advantage he would undoubtedly be one of its foremost advocates. But the fact is that Britain's trade with adjoining countries will very probably decrease still further and she must seek an outlet for her manufactured goods in the countries ruled and peopled by her own kindred. England is not the workshop of Europe, and she must seek to attain that position in the Empire. Industrialism has made great strides not only in Germany and Belgium, our pre-war rivals, but, in recent years, in France, Italy, and Czechoslovakia. They can supply themselves and adjoining countries at cheaper rates than England. Even as regards Russia Germany's proximity must give her, when things become normal, a decisive advantage in the field of economic competition. Nor do we need Europe's products in such quantities as before the war. The discovery of artificial silk has modified the

textile industry. We take in consequence less genuine silk from France and the Far East, less cotton from the United States. In the latter commodity both Egypt and South Africa look to supply the Lancashire looms. We have long ago ceased to draw our wheat supplies from Russia and Rumania, while the development of both Home and Irish agriculture may see a decrease of imports from Denmark and France; with tea the Indian and Ceylon product is now preferred to the Chinese.

It may be asked how such developments will effect Hong Kong! The answer must be that Hong Kong's future depends on peace and prosperity in South China. Hong Kong will remain the link between the liner and the junk. Her position is unique; she is a distributor, not a producer, and her trade is cosmopolitan. There will always be big business between China and England, but Hong Kong like Shanghai looks economically to the world. Hong Kong has been founded upon British efficiency and good government. She is an economic bank safe for Kwangtung and the surrounding provinces. The prosperity of the Empire will increase its needs for the many finished products and raw materials that China alone can supply.

One Portuguese case of diphtheria was reported from the Kowloon district on Tuesday.

The New Territories Agricultural Show will be continued to-day at Tung Ying Hok Po, Sheung Shui.

H.M.S. Ambrose ships' company are holding a fancy dress carnival dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant this evening.

For allowing her dog to be abroad without a muzzle or on a lead, Miss Rose Wong, of No. 4, Robinson Road, was fined \$4 at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 19th, amounted to 109,430 tons, and the sales during the period to 94,300 tons.

The master of a rice store at Yau-mat was fined \$20 by the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday for using a measure which was a little over three per cent. against the purchaser.

A social gathering will be held in the Cathedral Hall, on Sunday next, after Evensong at about 7 p.m. A cordial welcome will be extended to all Service men and others. There will be music and light refreshments.

A summons for assault taken out by a pantry boy of the a.s. ship *Shing* against the second officer, Mr. N. M. McIlhenny, was withdrawn at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the case having been settled out of Court.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Leonard Cave, of the staff of Messrs. Mustard & Co., residing at 21, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon, to Miss Georgina May Hughes, of the staff of Messrs. Loxley & Co., residing at 7, Humphrey's Building, Kowloon.

The wedding of Miss Esther Mary Kotewall, the daughter of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., and Mrs. Kotewall, and Mr. Ship Kai Lee will take place on Wednesday, December 21st. Following the marriage ceremony a reception will be held at Hutton House, 57 Conduit Road.

There will be a meeting of St. John's Cathedral Women's Workers' Guild this morning at the Cathedral Hall, at 10 o'clock, when the Rev. G. H. Hewitt will give an address on "The Church in the 19th Century." This meeting will be followed by a Committee meeting at 10.30.

An order was made by the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday for the confiscation of two automatic pistols found on board the a.s. *Siberia Maru* when she arrived from the North last Monday. The weapons were concealed in a tea basket left on the deck in the bows of the ship.

There will be an extraordinary general meeting of the Princo's Building and Land Co., Ltd., this afternoon, at 4.15, for the purpose of confirming the resolution recently passed voluntarily to wind up the Company in view of the sale of Princo's Building for \$3,000,000 cash to the Hong Kong Land Investment Co., Ltd.

The case against the Chinese who was charged with being concerned in the armed robbery at the Wing Lee Company, No. 52, Ko Shing Street, on November 29th, was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. After hearing evidence Mr. Lindell committed the man for trial at the Sessions.

The Helena May is giving a Concert on Thursday, December 15th at 8.30 p.m. A double quartette will sing the "Alice in Wonderland" music by Liza Lehmann, and Christmas Carols. Mrs. Hargreaves-Brown will play. Tickets to be booked at the Secretary's office. Tens may be had from 4 p.m. onwards.—Adv.

LOCAL WEDDING.

URQUHART—PRICE.

PRETTY CEREMONY AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church yesterday afternoon, between Miss Lilian Hannah Price, of 113, Kowloon Tong, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Price, and Mr. Alexander Urquhart, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., residing at 170, Kowloon Tong.

The bride, who entered the church on the arm of Mr. Starling Jex (brother), by whom she was given away, looked very charming in a gown of white charmeuse, trimmed with orange blossoms, and white embroidered veil. She also carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maiden-hair fern.

In attendance on the bride were the Misses L. Ferguson, D. Brackstone and N. Jex (niece), and D. Faulkner and T. Jex (niece) flower girl.

The Misses Ferguson and Brackstone wore dresses of pink taffeta and picture hats, the Misses N. Jex and D. Faulkner dresses of blue taffeta, while Miss T. Jex wore mauve taffeta.

The bridesmaids carried bouquets of golden chrysanthemums and maidenhair fern, pink dahlias and maidenhair fern. The flower girl carried a basket of pink roses.

The duties of "best man" were discharged by Mr. J. C. Ferguson, and the Rev. W. Walton Rogers (Vicar of St. Andrew's Church) conducted the marriage ceremony.

Messrs. E. C. Fincher, G. E. L. Johnson, R. E. Slattery and W. G. Urquhart acted as Ushers.

The service was partly choral and during it Mrs. Sanger gave as a solo "Still as the Night," with violin accompaniment by Mr. J. Braga.

Following the Church ceremony, a reception held at St. Andrew's Church Hall, was attended by a very large number of friends of the bride and bridegroom.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart left for Repulse Bay Hotel, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The bride's going away dress was of black and white satin ensemble, with hat to match.

The Presents.

Bride and Bridegroom were the recipients of many presents, a list of which is given below:—
Miss Allen, Butter Dish; Mrs. G. Banker, 1-pr. Sateuma Vases; Miss Bascombe, Jam Jar; Miss Brackstone, Silver Coffee Service; Miss M. Braga, Salad Bowl; Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Branson, Cut-glass Vase; Mr. P. Brown, Rug; Mr. D. E. Cappelman, 1-pr. Silver Sweet Dish; Mr. H. Y. Chan, 1-pr. Silver Photo Frames; Messrs. Chan Tse Chit, Ching Mun Sau, Ching Tai Chit, Kum Yat Ming, Lo Bo Wah, Lo Po Chun, Pak Yiu Kai, Pak Yat Sum, Tam Kwok Ching, Silver Tea Service; Mr. Chan Choppo and Mr. Chan Hau-po, Blackwood Table; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ching, 1-pr. Jam Jar; Mr. and Mrs. C. Choo, Condiment Stand; Mrs. Chubb and Messrs. G. T. and J. Chubb, Lacquer Tea Poy; Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Churn, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Grose, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Roberts, Mr. G. A. V. Hall, Mr. E. C. Hunt, Dr. E. Law, Silver Trinket Box; Mr. and Mrs. A. Cunningham, Silver Vase; Miss D. Dierks, Silver Tea Knives and Forks; Mr. P. A. Dixon, Silver Asparagus Dish and Sauceboat; Mr. and Mrs. E. Drude, Silver Fruit Dish; Mr. G. Duncan, Jr., Silver Cake Knife; Mr. O. Eger, Cheese; Mr. C. T. Evans, 8 Silver Spoons; Miss L. Erra and Miss M. Gittens, 1-pr. Ivory Photo Frames; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faulkner, Silver Card Tray; Mrs. Ferguson, Electric Toaster; Miss Ferguson and Mr. J. C. Ferguson, 1 set Table Glass; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fisher, Lacquer Tea Table; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ford, Silver Sweet Dish; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ford, 1-pr. Silver Tooth-pick Stands; Miss A. Garth and Mrs. Yacht, Silver Butter Dish; Miss V. V. H. Gill, Silver Entree Dish; Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillard, Jam Jar; Mr. and Mrs. H. Gittens and Miss Gittens, Blackwood Tea Poy; Mr. W. M. Gittens, Ginger Jar; Miss K. Gourdin, Jam Jar; Mr. J. Hall, Lacquer Centre Table; Mr. W. S. Hillier, Centre Bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, 1-pr. Silver Sweet Dish; Mr. and Mrs. Jex, Silver Tea Service; Mr. G. E. L. Johnson, Silver Jam Jar; Miss Knacker and Mr. E. G. Knacker, Silver Cake Stand; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kew, 1 doz. Coffee Cups and Silver Spoons; Mrs. G. Law.

(Continued on next Column.)

SANITARY BOARD NOMINATION.

ONLY MR. BRAGA'S NAME FORWARDED.

The nomination for the seat in the Sanitary Board caused by the expiry of Dr. J. C. Macgown's three years of service, was closed yesterday at 1 p.m. The only nominee was Mr. J. P. Braga.

PASSPORT WITHOUT A VISA.

POLISH SUBJECT EXPELLED.

Nichols Kamartovsky, a Polish subject, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy for entering the Colony on October 23rd without a passport.

When the charge was read out to the defendant in Court, he produced a French passport issued to him, by the French Consulate at Kwangsi.

Sergt. Elston, prosecuting, said that the passport had no British visa, and it was not valid without being endorsed for the defendant's admission into the Colony.

The defendant said that he had come from Pakhoi where there was no British Consul to give him a visa. He was an engineer in a mine and owing to the disturbed conditions in China, he lost his employment. Immediately upon his arrival in the Colony, he was engaged by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. in their aerated factory at North Point.

Sergt. Elston said that the Police considered the defendant "an undesirable and applied for an order for his expulsion."

The magistrate fined defendant \$10 for entering the Colony without a valid passport, and also made the order for his expulsion.

TYPHOON WARNING.

Manila December 6th.
6.30 p.m.

Typhoon in about 115° Long. E. and 13° Lat. N., moving W.

WEATHER REPORT.
The weather report, forecast and remarks issued from the Observatory at 11.15 a.m. yesterday stated:—

The anti-cyclone is central over China. The typhoon is about 300 miles east of Coochin China, moving westward. Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China, and over the northern portion of the China Sea. Cyclonic gales over the S.W. portion.

The evening report issued at 6.15 stated:—

Anti-cyclone is unchanged, the typhoon appears to be stationary in Lat. 12° N. and Long. 114° E. Strong monsoon is travelling along the coast and over the North China Sea.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, drizzle or mist.

1-pr. Silver Vases; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lee, 4 doz. Silver Spoons; Miss A. Lee, Silver Jam Jar; Mr. Leung Yu Kwun, Cheese; Mr. H. G. Leong, Cheese; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lo, 1-pr. Silver Sweet Dish; Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Silk Scarf; Mrs. E. Mackay, Miss E. Rogers, Miss I. Rogers, Silver Toast Rack and Tooth-pick Stands; Mr. and Mrs. C. Mackenzie, Silver Sweet Dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackenzie, 4 doz. Silver Spoons; Mrs. A. E. Matthews, Silver Condiment Set; Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, 4 doz. Silver Coffee Spoons; Miss L. McKenzie and Mr. W. Way, 4 doz. Silver Tea Knives and Forks; Mr. D. C. Miller, Silver Condiment Set; Miss H. Mow Fung, Silver Sweet Dish; Mr. W. Naef, Liqueur Set; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parren, Cut-glass Water Jug; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peters, 1-pr. Silver Tea-plate Handle; Miss Joyce Peters, Rug; Miss M. Poon, Manicure Set; Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Proulx, Silver Sweet Dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rodger, Silver Salts and Peppers; Miss H. D. Sawyer, Japanese Coffee Set; Miss V. Shea, Mr. J. Shea, Mr. E. Shea, Mr. W. Shea, Silver Cake Basket; Messrs. R. E. Slattery and C. E. Terry, Silver Condiment Set and Tray; Mr. M. Takeuchi, 1-pr. Sateuma Vases; Mr. W. G. Urquhart, 1 doz. Silver Coffee Spoons; Mrs. Wong and Mr. J. Wong, Silver Jam Jar; Mr. W. Ward, Cut-glass Toilet Set; Mr. Shin Shuk Lim, 1 Roll Silk; Mr. Yung Shuk Fung, 1-pr. Silver Egg Cups; The P. O. C. A. Dinner Gong; No. 2 Platoon, H.E.V.D.C., Silver Cigarette Box.

THE KUOMINTANG CLIQUES IN SHANGHAI.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S FACTION MEET MINUS WANG CHING WEI.

WANG STILL REGARDED AS CHIEF INSTIGATOR OF CANTON'S COUP.

MARSHAL FENG'S TROOPS PROGRESSING IN SHANTUNG AND HONAN.

The Kuomintang cliques and factions at Shanghai appear to be no nearer a settlement of their difficulties, the differences between the Nanking and the Cantonese members being as pronounced as ever. A new move has been made by Marshal Chiang Kai Shek holding a meeting of his followers minus Mr. Wang Ching Wei. It is reported that the meeting expressed the view, evidently generally held, that Mr. Wang was chiefly responsible for the recent Canton coup. Interesting developments, it would seem, are imminent.

Marshal Feng's troops continue to be successful both in Shantung and Honan and it is reported that Marshal Chang Tso Lin, still struggling with Shansi, is very much perturbed regarding the state of affairs in Shantung.

CHINESE MILITARY CONFERENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7th. As an outcome of the conference of military authorities yesterday, Li Tsai Hsin is expected to leave for Swatow shortly. Pei Tsung Hsi expressed his willingness to support him, but Chu Pei Teh and Li Tsung Jen were lukewarm.

BACK TO MALTA.

BRITISH FIRST CRUISER SQUADRON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MALTA, Dec. 7th. The First Cruiser Squadron, has returned after 13 months' service in China.

THE FEELING AGAINST WANG CHING WEI.

(Fah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, December 7th. During the suspension of the preliminary meeting of the Kuomintang Conference, Kuomintang leaders representing the Kwangsi clique and Chiang Kai Shek's faction yesterday called an informal meeting at the Nanyuen Garden in the French Settlement of Shanghai. This meeting is considered to be exceptional in view of the fact that it excluded Mr. Wang Ching Wei. Resentment was generally expressed towards Mr. Wang who, according to the opinion prevailing, was the real instigator in the recent Canton coup.

A report from Nanking states that Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's troops have occupied Tsinling, in South-west Shantung, and a telegram despatched from Chengchow, Honan, states that Feng's vanguards have advanced to a point beyond Lincheng.

NANKING GOVERNMENT AND MARSHAL FENG.

(Fah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, December 7th. The Nanking Government has decided to supply Marshal Feng with \$1,000,000 worth of ammunition and \$1,000,000 in cash.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin is particularly anxious regarding the situation in Shantung in view of the fact that his hands are full with the Fengtien-Shansi war. He is preparing to send a large number of reinforcements from Chihli to Shantung.

Marshal Chang has also despatched a number of Fengtienese troops to Tsinling and Tachow to strengthen the defence line there.

The preliminary meeting of the 4th Kuomintang Conference is expected to resume to-morrow, as soon as all important problems are satisfactorily settled.

SECTION "A" ARMY RESERVISTS FROM CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 8th. Capt. King regretted the impossibility of adopting the suggestion of Sir Frederick Hall to retain in the Army section "A" reservists returning from China until they are able to obtain employment.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE TO BE CHRISTENED IN ST. PAUL'S.

A STRIKING EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.

A CHRISTMAS FUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7th. A striking expression of gratitude by the nationals of 13 countries not represented militarily in Shanghai, including Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and Spain, for what the Defence Forces of land and sea here has meant for them, is contained in an announcement of a fund that is being organized. "To make Christmas spent so far from their homes and loved ones a happy one for the men for whose endeavours on our behalf this fund will create a long-awaited opportunity to show our appreciation and thankfulness."

U.S. BATTLESHIPS.

ELEVATION OF BIG GUNS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7th. The House of Representatives Appropriations Committee has decided to ask the House to decide as to the advisability or otherwise of authorizing the elevation of big guns on American battleships.

THE WATERSIDE DISPUTE.

SETTLEMENT REACHED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Dec. 7th. The Waterside dispute has been settled.

LATER. It was announced in the Arbitration Court that the Waterside Workers' Federation had advised their branches that the embargo on overtime had been lifted and they instructed the branches to carry out the Court's award.

The waterside workers will offer for work to-morrow morning but there is some doubt with regard to the attitude of the owners, as it is believed that they are far from being satisfied with Judge Beeby's action and are awaiting instructions from London. But an early resumption of the work seems certain.

Owners' Dissatisfied.—The owners are dissatisfied with Judge Beeby's decision on the question of picking up (engaging dockers for work) holding that this should be taken out of the hands of the board with reference to any conditions in each port investigated by the Arbitration Court.

Judge Beeby announced a three months' interim award as to the laying of picking up places which would be those obtaining on January 10th last. He refused to discuss the point raised by the owners with regard to the legality of the interim award which had been made in such circumstances.

KIDNAPPING OF CAPT. LALOR.

"AN AFTER-THOUGHT."

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

ICHANG, Dec. 6th. With reference to the Siang Tan piracy further information of the pirates' motives is now to hand. It is understood that their original intention was to capture arms and ammunition and they boarded the Siang Tan believing her to be a Japanese ship, but on discovering their mistake they abandoned the search.

The kidnapping of Captain Lalor was an after-thought, and all arrangements for his release on Wednesday are complete.

The bandits dominate the left bank of the Yangtze River between Ichang and Shui; but volunteer peasant organizations have established look out posts on the right bank, to prevent the bandits from crossing the river.

MANCHURIAN RAILWAY LOAN.

MESSRS. MORGAN'S PARTICIPATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 6th. It is officially announced that the question of Messrs. Morgans making a loan to the South Manchurian Railway, has not been presented to the State Department formally, and until details of the loan are submitted, no action would be taken.

The Journal of Commerce draws attention to the Government's complete change of attitude, and expresses the opinion that the bankers themselves may now let the matter drop.

THE FIRST CHINESE BABY THUS HONOURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 7th. Paul K. Ma, whose parents were married in St. Paul's Church, Hong Kong, is to be christened in St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday. He is the first Chinese baby thus honoured.

NEW METHOD OF MELTING STEEL.

AN ELECTRICAL FURNACE.

SUCCESSFUL SHEFFIELD EXPERIMENTS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROOBY, December 7th. A new high frequency electrical furnace for melting steel was demonstrated yesterday at the Sheffield works of Edgar Allen and Company. The furnace is the first of its kind in the world to be used commercially for the manufacture of high quality tool steel. It marks a striking advance on the old established crucible process in which pots containing about sixty pounds of material are heated by coke or gas fires.

In the new furnace, about 450 lbs. of steel are heated in one hour. The heat is not put into the furnace from outside but is induced within it by means of an alternating current of electricity. The walls of the crucible merely serve the purpose of a container and the furnace itself is contained in a square wooden box which remains cool.

The new process eliminates the exacting tasks necessitated by the methods now in use and ensures better conditions for operatives both as regards cleanliness and physical comfort.

The purity of the steel produced is one of the technical advantages of the new process. Having no contact with the fuel, the steel is extraordinarily free from sulphur and phosphorus effects. It is estimated that whereas the cost of melting a ton of high speed steel under the old process ranges from £16 to £24, the cost will be from one half to two-thirds of that sum under the new method.

ALLEGED SPYING IN ENGLAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 7th. McCartney and Hansen have been committed for trial at the Old Bailey.

Both pleaded "not guilty" and reserved their defence.

LEAGUE AND PRESS CONFERENCE PROPOSAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Dec. 7th. The Council of the League has approved the report of the recent Press Conference. Several delegates emphasised the importance of the recommendation of the Conference in favour of improvement of telephonic, telegraphic and wireless communications throughout the world, particularly between Geneva and London, and the question was referred to the League Communications Committee for necessary action.

M. Urrutia (Colombia) supporting the recommendation, pointed out that London was the chief centre for the distribution of news from America and the Far East.

Mr. Adachi (Japan) warmly associated himself with the report and hoped that the efforts to improve the communications between Geneva and London would be successful.

Messrs. Cheng Lo and Dandur followed in the same sense. Sir Austen Chamberlain promised that when he returned to London he would do what could be done to carry out the recommendation.

FRANCE AND THE FAR EAST.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 7th. Le Matin states that Colonel Antoinet and four assistants will soon try a powerful aero, to connect Paris and Hanoi with a view to French commercial expansion with China, Japan and the Pacific generally.

GENERAL SUTTON IN LONDON.

CHINA'S WARFARE "NOT COMIC OPERA."

A "NICE LITTLE PRESENT."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 7th. General Sutton who, during the last few years was on Chang Tso Lin's staff, has arrived in London after an absence from England of 3 years.

Interviewed by Reuter, he said that it was quite wrong to regard the fighting in China as a sort of comic opera warfare. He declared that he left China because he wanted a change. He had been given a "nice little present" by Chang Tso Lin. It is understood that this was £10,000.

General Sutton is trying to interest British capitalists in a scheme of railway development in British Columbia.

LIVELY TIMES AT NAGYVARAD.

STUDENTS GET OUT OF HAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUDAPEST, December 7th. The police, reinforced by gendarmes and cavalry have at length quelled the bloody conflicts in the Hungarian town of Nagyvarad now annexed to Rumania, where thousands of students from Jassy and Transylvania attended a congress.

The students began demonstrations against the Jews and eventually against the Magyars. They attacked and wrecked the residence of the chief rabbi, several newspaper offices and the Catholic Union Society's offices. Hitherto, it is known that one person was killed and many seriously injured.

CURBING A VOLCANO.

GERMAN ENGINEERS' EXPERIMENTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MANAGUA, December 7th. With the idea of permanently extinguishing the Santiago volcano, whose poisonous fumes have ruined a quarter of Nicaragua's coffee crop for years, German engineers dumped thousands of tons of earth into the crater, with the result that the burning sulphur bed has apparently been extinguished.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

COMPLETE COST UNKNOWN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 6th. Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Douglas King said that the military portion of the Singapore Base scheme was under review, as a result of a technical examination of the spot. At present he was unable to estimate the expenditure.

Commander Kenworthy requested an estimate of expenditure falling on other votes than the Admiralty.

Mr. Churchill repeated that the cost of the Admiralty was seven and three quarter millions, but he was unable to estimate the cost of other votes, which were continuously under review. The cost at any stage could not be accurately forecast: there had been several final estimates which, however, were subjected to continual scrutiny.

TROTSKY AND ZINOVIEFF.

STALIN AT THE COMMUNIST CONGRESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, Dec. 6th. Reviewing the international situation of Russia at the Communist Party Congress, M. Stalin admitted that dissatisfaction with the Soviet was growing among tens of thousands of small capitalists who were being ruined by the growth of Socialistic industry and trade, and among many civil servants who had been dismissed as State concerns.

He claimed, however, that thousands of the toiling intelligentsia were coming over to the Soviet headed by the technical leaders connected with industry.

Dealing with the expulsion of Trotsky and Zinovieff from the party, M. Stalin enumerated the fundamental differences with the opposition who denied the possibility of the successful establishment of Socialism in Soviet Russia and disagreed with Lenin's view that in certain conditions alliances were admissible with the bourgeoisie in colonial countries warring against Imperialism. They also disagreed with the idea of a united front in the World Labour movement to win over the Labour masses to Communism.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND NAVAL POWER.

NO SECOND PLACE FOR U.S. NAVY.

PRESS COMMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2nd. President Coolidge's message to Congress states that the country's prosperity has never been exceeded. The burden of the national debt is being steadily eliminated, and will be reduced at the end of the fiscal year from G.\$29,000,000 to G.\$17,675,000.

The annual interest, including war savings, has been reduced from G.\$1,035,000,000 to G.\$670,000,000. The average interest on the present public debt fell this year for the first time below four per cent. The annual saving on interest between 1925 and 1929 is \$312,000,000.

Without this, no bill to relieve taxpayers would be worth proposing. The people ought not to take a selfish attitude in pressing for the removal of moderate and fair taxes.

"We must keep the budget balanced yearly. That is the trifling price we pay to command the lowest interest of any of the Great Powers. The Navy, like the army, is a weapon of defence, but to meet our enormous national responsibilities substantial sea armament is necessary."

Conference's Negative Results. He continues: "After very careful preparation, we recently made every effort to secure a three-Power treaty limitation of naval armament, and were granted much co-operation from Japan, but were unable to come to an agreement with Great Britain. While the results of the conference were of considerable value, they were mostly negative in character. We know now that no agreement can be reached which will be inconsistent with a considerable building programme."

On our part we are ready and willing to continue the preparatory investigations on the general subject of limitation of armaments started under the auspices of the League of Nations. Part of our considerable cruiser tonnage is obsolete, and the failure to agree should not cause us to build more, or less, than we would otherwise do. Any future treaty limitation will enter on our competition, but should refrain from any needful programme. Propaganda will not cause us to change our course."

He says that more attention should be given to merchant ships as naval auxiliaries.

Flourishing Commerce. The message continues: "Private interest is opening up an aviation service to Mexico and Central and South America. We are particularly solicitous to have the United States take a leading part in this development."

"Our market for imports is best served by maintaining our present high purchasing power, under which in the past five years our imports have increased by 63 per cent."

The investigation of methods for opening the Great-Lakes to the sea by means of a shipway, have concluded in favour of the Saint Lawrence River project as being the most expeditious and the cheapest method of placing western products on the European market. The State Department has requested the Canadian Government to negotiate the necessary treaties.

The Government is undertaking to join in the formation of a cooperative committee to consider legislation to preserve and conserve the supplies of petroleum.

President Coolidge then diagnoses foreign relations giving the reasons for despatching armed forces to China, which he says they were

compelled to do in order to protect the lives and property of their citizens. The United States has always been ready, and is now, to co-operate with any Government which may emerge from the present civil strife in China.

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BRITISH NAVY. THIRTY-FIVE VESSELS SCRAPPED. [BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROOBY, December 7th. Lieut. Colonel Headlam, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, stated in Parliament that orders have been given during the present year for 35 vessels of the Navy to be scrapped. These include 2 cruisers, 9 destroyers, 4 submarines, 1 minelayer and a number of other auxiliary vessels.

BRITISH LABOUR PARTY. MR. MACDONALD RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN. [BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROOBY, December 6th. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was today unanimously re-elected chairman and leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party. Mr. J. R. Clynes was re-elected deputy chairman.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

(Continued from page 4.)

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

From Mr. Peter Potts' garden came a fine collection of pineapples, notable for their size.

There was a very interesting exhibit of Chiu Chow oranges grown from seed, and the first of their kind ever produced in the Colony. Their growing is to be credited to Miss Gloria d'Almada, Fanning.

Mr. Carvalho's collection of eggs was of admirable quality.

Lady Ho Tung's experimental farm contributed an excellent collection of fruit and vegetables in prime condition.

The Botanical and Forestry Department had indeed an exceedingly appetizing array of products. These included greenage plums, parsnips, carrots, mustard cress, potatoes, bottled fruits, lettuce, sweet corn, ground nuts (shelled and unshelled and grown locally), kohlrabi, French beans, pineapple, etc. The collection was in charge of Mr. Green (Supt. of the Department) and Mr. Luk, the Head Gardener.

Some bean cake was sent from Newchwang, while next to it was displayed a collection of Chinese fertilizing products, including pig manure, fish manure, shrimp manure, cow bone ash and lime.

Last, but not least, there was in a very fine pig section, not for competition, a Scandinavian Landrace Sow, exhibited by Mr. H. A. Rodgers, of the Hong Kong Land Investment Company and living at Tai Po. This sow was aged 8-9 months, and presented a striking picture of fitness and size.

POULTRY AND LIVE STOCK SECTION.

Not For Competition.

Although the entries were not as numerous as might have been expected from the fact that a number of local residents own fowls of the Mediterranean, American and Australian breeds and could have supported the show had they wished, this section was very attractive and interesting.

Exhibitors were as under:—
Exhibitor: Poultry Specialists' Company, 4, Duddell Street, Manager: Mr. A. E. B. Sneyd, Single Comb White Leghorn Cockerel and Pullet; American Strain; Single Comb White Leghorn Cockerel and Pullet; Australian Strain; Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerel and Pullet; Black Australorp Cockerel and Pullet.

Exhibitor:—Mr. D. E. de Carvalho, c/o Messrs. Botelho Bros., One pen of Rhode Island Reds, Single Comb, a cock and two hens; one dozen Leghorn eggs; two ounces or over each egg.

Exhibitor:—Mr. H. A. Rodgers, "White Cottage," Tai Po—Scandinavian Landrace Sow (directly imported); a very fine specimen. Age: 8-9 months, weight 300 catties, or 400 lbs.

Exhibitor:—Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Fanning, New Territories—Yorkshire Sow obtained from the Dairy Farm, Lee and Cold Storage Co.'s stock and reared at Fanning, with a litter of eight young ones. (Quite recently Mr. d'Almada disposed of a Sow which weighed 375 lbs. when only 10 months old, this testifying to the excellent quality of "food" grown at Fanning suitable for rearing pigs successfully).

COMMENTS ON POULTRY.

The following is a comment on the 4 Duddell Street exhibits:—

The White Leghorns were splendid specimens showing in both instances the true characteristics of the breed, viz., alert carriage and graceful curves. They were very much admired.

The Rhode Island Reds were fine big specimens, red-breasted and long-bodied, the plumage of both varieties being rich red and lustrous, these being the true characteristics of the pure breed.

The Black Australorps (Australian bred) were large and impressive in appearance, with lustrous greenish black plumage covering a broad deep and rather long body. This breed has a great reputation in Australia, and is a prolific egg-producer. The specimens shown, a cockerel and a pullet, were the object of general admiration.

FILMS AND MUSIC, ETC.

Various films, dealing with agriculture were shown by courtesy of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. (chemicals for agricultural purposes), Messrs. Anderson, Meyer and Co. (farming implements, etc.), Messrs. Ford & Co. (through local agents), Andrew Harper & Son, and also two comedies from the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd. films were shown on a specially erected outdoor screen, by Hong Kong Amusement operators.

Much pleasure was given by the presence of the band of King's Own Scottish Borderers, who, by permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Conyn, C.M.G., and officers, played a very

fine selection of airs, under the baton of Mr. W. H. FitzEarle, A.R.C.M. (Bandmaster).

Mr. N. J. Tsao (General Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.) and Tsun Mo Fat (also of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.) rendered much help. Boy Scouts also rendered material assistance to the Show officials.

Refreshments and teas were served by the Cafe Pavilion, and the Kowloon-Canton Railway had special facilities.

OFFICIALS AND JUDGES.

Patron: H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.); Vice-Patron: Mr. J. A. Fraser; Committee: Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E. (Chairman), Lady Ho Tung and Messrs. Jas. Bullock, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, L. Gibbs, J. L. Macpherson, Ng Sing Chi (Hon. Chinese Secretary), J. P. Braga (Hon. English Secretary and Treasurer), and Chinese Committee comprising forty members.

Judges.

Foreign Vegetables:—Mr. Jas. Bullock, Mr. J. L. Macpherson, Mr. Fung Koi Cheuk.

Roots, etc., Green Vegetables (Chinese):—Mr. Ho Kom Tong, O.B.E., Mr. Choa Po Sien, Mr. Tang Wai Tong, Mr. Tang Yau Shan, Mr. Lau Wang.

Other Cereals and Legumes:—Mr. Lau Wang, Mr. Tang Yau Shan, Mr. Tang Yau Shan.

Sugar Cane:—Mr. Leung Wai Tai.

Officials in charge of Poultry and Live-Stock Section:—Mr. Jas. Bullock, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza.

Committee's Thanks.

The Committee express their indebtedness to the Railway authorities for the arrangements in connection with the conveyance of visitors to and from the Show. Special cheap excursion rates were granted and every facility was afforded by the management for the quick transportation of articles for the Show.

The Committee also wish to thank the Star Ferry Co. for the concession of free fares to the Bandmen of the K.O.S.B., who were present at the Show and under the capable direction of Mr. W. H. FitzEarle, A.R.C.M., delighted the visitors with excellently rendered music throughout the afternoon.

Through the good offices of Mr. Chow U Ting, commanding officer, the Committee had the benefit of the services of some fifteen members of the Chinese Company, Police Reserve. These "specials" kindly volunteered their services and very efficiently maintained control on the grounds.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Several special prizes for the competitive section were presented. That offered by H.E. the Governor, which is the most coveted, takes the form of an honorific tablet in gold letters on a red ground. The Chinese characters were Sir Cecil Clementi's own composition. This prize is awarded for the most successful group of villages in any one district sending the highest number of exhibits. The board will have inscribed on it the name of the successful district and is to be held in the district council hall for one year. It is won outright by any one village securing the award for three years in succession. The winning district this year is Kam Tin with 36 first prizes. Un Long District came second.

An honorific scroll was the prize offered by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes for the individual exhibitor securing the highest aggregate of first and second prizes. The judges awarded the prize to Tung Ying Hok Po (Lady Ho Tung's Experimental Farm).

The thirteen first prizes of \$3 each in the rice section were the gift of Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co., who also made the free gift of one hundred parcels of 10 catties each of first quality rice seed for free distribution to the farmers.

The cheque for \$100, received from Mr. S. de Ossa, acting Consul for Chile in Hong Kong, on behalf of the Propaganda for Chilean Nitrate of Soda, was distributed among the winners of 20 first (\$3 each) and 20 second prizes (\$2 each), respectively, in the Chinese Green Vegetables section.

In all classes the first and second prizes were of a value of \$3 and \$2, which were disbursed out of the Show funds.

A bonus of \$100 was presented for distribution among those exhibitors who put in groups of not less than eight exhibits each.

Certificates of Honour.

The cost of lithographing the certificates of honour was defrayed by Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co. Every exhibitor received a copy. It is worded in English and Chinese and reads:—

"New Territories Agricultural Show, 1927: Patron: His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.; Vice-Patron: J. A. Fraser, Esq., District Officer, North District. This Certificate of Honour is issued to Mr. [Name] in recognition of his having participated in the New Territories Agricultural Show 1927.—Hong Kong, 7th December, 1927."

The certificates were signed by the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., as Chairman of the Committee, and by Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. Ng Sing Chi, hon. English and Chinese Secretaries, respectively.

COMMERCIAL SECTION.

Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co. (China), Ltd., occupied the most prominent stand in the building set apart for the Commercial section. The stand was very effectively decorated to show to the best advantage the firm's fertilizers which have a world-wide reputation for the excellence of their quality. Both the firm's specialties were on view on their stand, viz., neutral sulphate of ammonia and the "Crescent" complete fertilizer which is claimed to contain "every food for every plant." To demonstrate the efficiency of these fertilizers Messrs. Brunner Mond, by arrangement with the committee, exhibited some forty pots of chrysanthemums and dahlias in full bloom which formed quite an attractive feature of the Show. These plants were fertilized with Brunner Mond's "complete" fertilizer.

An enlarged photograph of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co.'s stand in the Shanghai Chrysanthemum Show 1923 was on view and was much admired.

Mechanical Ploughs.

Messrs. Andrew Harper & Son, representatives in Hong Kong for Ford Cars, Trucks and Tractors and for Lincoln Cars, Tractors and Light Trucks, had on view the exhibition grounds the firm conducted ploughing demonstrations and are showing a Fordson tractor and truck together with various parts of same.

Cotton and Wood Oil.

From the industrial point of view the successful experiments with cotton grown in the New Territories and the extraction of Chinese wood oil (Tung oil) from *Aleurites Cordata*, *Mul. Arg.*, promise great possibilities for the future. An expert examination of the boll of cotton grown in the Pat Heung district and exhibited at the Show pronounced it the equal to any grown in the districts around Shanghai. In fact, considerable surprise was expressed that such fine cotton could be made to grow in the hinterland of Hong Kong considering the prevalence of typhoons in these regions and what was once believed to be the unsuitability of the soil. Now that the Show has demonstrated the possibility of cotton cultivation within the Colony, it should only be a matter of time before its production on a commercial scale becomes an accomplished fact. With cotton obtainable in sufficient quantities from the district of the New Territories, the industrial development of Hong Kong would receive a very great impetus.

Chinese Wood Oil.

Another article of much commercial interest is a little bottle with a tag attached bearing the following descriptive matter:—"Chinese Wood Oil (Tung Oil) from *Aleurites Cordata*, *Mul. Arg.*" The oil was extracted from the kernels of the fruit grown by Mr. W. Garrard at Tai Po. Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., extracted and distilled the oil for the exhibition. The fruit of the *Aleurites* fully developed is the size of a small apple. A few dried specimens of the fruit were shown alongside the bottle of oil and were of a dark-brown colour and of the size of a greenage plum. Chinese wood oil, as is well known, is largely imported into Hong Kong from the West River districts for export to Europe and America. An analysis of the oil extracted from the fruit grown at Tai Po gave results proving it to be superior in quality and colour to the commercial article dealt in by Hong Kong merchants.

"Duro" Pump Engineering Co.

Mr. W. S. V. Curtis, of the "Duro" Pump & Engineering Co., gave the Committee much assistance in attending to the electric installation for operating the moving picture exhibition. Principal among the Company's exhibits must be mentioned the "Matthews" Automatic Electric Lighting & Power Plant. Power from this plant was furnished for the operation of the moving picture machine supplied by the Hong Kong Amusements Syndicate and operated by their electrician. This plant, of which there are some half dozen in operation in the Colony, has a capacity of 1,000 Watts (about 50 lights), and provides current at 32 Volts. Its operation is entirely automatic; that is, it requires no attention in everyday operation beyond the periodical addition of fuel, oil, and water.

There was also on view the "Duro" Automatic Electric Water Pumping System used to supply water for mysterious fountains, play, and for Wash Basins—the latter being open to the use of the public. Water was supplied to all taps under a minimum pressure of 25 lbs. This system obtained its power from the Matthews plant, and served to demonstrate how water could thus be provided under pressure wherever desired.

The "Duro" Engine Driven Water Pumping System is used to supply water for the garden sprinkler, and to demonstrate the working pressures attainable with these systems. This system is driven from a specially designed and compact gasoline engine made by the makers of the pumps. Its compactness and simplicity were very noticeable.

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REINCARNATION.

DR. ANNIE BESANT EXPLAINS.

The Secretary of the Hong Kong Theosophical Society has kindly forwarded an interesting article on "Reincarnation" by Dr. Annie Besant, which appeared in the London *Spectator*. We give the following extracts.

Forty years ago, working in the London slums, seeing occasionally, when the public houses closed, the mob of rowdy, swearing, animalistic men and women hurrying out into the grimy street, or when toiling in the sordid courts, I would think: "For these hopeless, helpless ones, what can be done? Better an earthquake should swallow them up, and leave none of their type. They and generations after them can never know the beauty, the joy of really human life. One worked on. What else could one do? The work would have helped one day in a far-off future, in a world renovated which did not admit slums."

Then came the Secret Doctrine, and all was changed. The Sun had risen. These congenial criminals were only reborn savages. The people who seemed so helpless, so hopeless, had in them a seed of the Divine Life, and therefore of Divine Perfection, as the acorn which grows into the image of the parent oak. Reincarnation was the law of the developing individual, as Evolution was the law of developing bodies. What then is Reincarnation? Here is the hypothesis, to be studied, understood, and then tested by application to human lives, to see if it serves as a key to their riddles.

The Spirit in man is the Life of God, individualized in the human form, when that form has evolved to a stage which made it possible that the three basic qualities of Divine Consciousness manifested in our worlds, Power, Wisdom and Creative Activity (or Love) could germinate within this material form as Will, Self-Realization and Intellect. In the higher animals, from whom the form had evolved, these could only faintly be shadowed forth, as germinal mind, desire, and action.

Reincarnation is a message of Hope. The worst criminal embodies the Light "which lighteth every man who cometh into the world." He is only ignorant and is in a low class in the Divine School. Our congenial criminals are very likely the murdered savage of our Colonial bush, returning to so profit by our civilization; they should be reformed, not punished, though kept under restraint (for the guarding of society) and taught.

Moreover, Reincarnation makes life intelligible. If every soul is newly created, why is one embodied in a congenial criminal and another in a saint? One in an imbecile, another in a genius; one in a happy home, another in a miserable one of pure and noble parents, and trained in virtue and honour; one of a ruffian and a harlot, joined by lust or violence, and trained in vice?

By our thoughts we build our characters, if we have built badly in the past, why not build better to-day? By our desires we attract opportunities; why not desire the more permanent rather than the transient? By spreading happiness among others we reap happy circumstances for ourselves. With Reincarnation, we have as much time as we need. Our talents may be small; but our aspirations will make them into great capacities in the heaven world, and we shall bring these back with us to our next earth-life. Our future is in our own hands. Let us sow good seed. The Law ensures the harvest.

"Duro" Deep Well Pump.—This type of pump is capable of drawing water from any depth up to 200 feet, and against heads of 150 feet. It could not be shown in operation, but was merely on exhibition.

Hydro-Electric and Wind Driven Electric Light and Power Plants.—This company also had on exhibition pictures of two recent types of Private Electric Plants, showing their manner of installation. The water-driven type is adaptable to provide current for any required purpose wherever a small stream of running water is available, and is the latest development in this field of engineering. Its most salient feature is the low cost of operation and maintenance, as after the initial expense (no more than the usual liquid fuel plant) no further disbursements are required other than for a little lubricating oil every month or so. It is designed for 24 hours service, and requires no accumulators. The Wind Driven plants are adaptable to provide current wherever fairly reliable winds can be obtained. It has storage batteries to tide over a period of calm lasting a week. Winds as low as 8 miles per hour will generate current, and when they reach 30 miles per hour the plant automatically cuts itself out. They are designed to stand a wind force of about 120 miles per hour.

"Water by Wire."—This was a coloured moving picture shown by this Company to illustrate the various ways in which our forefathers obtained the most vital of liquids required by the human race.

STRANGE FATALITY AT SHANGHAI.

CHINESE BOY KILLED BY BRITISH SOLDIER.

POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 4th.

Shanghai papers arriving here yesterday give fuller details of the strange affair (briefly cabled) in which Lee-Cpl. Robertson, servant of Captain D. Harvey, A.P.M., is alleged to have shot and killed the Chinese boy employed in the apartment, yesterday (Friday) morning, between 9.20 and 9.45 o'clock. The weapon was a .38 calibre Colt automatic pistol. Robertson left the apartment in the China United Building, walked to the Amoy Road Gaol, and, as he surrendered, said that he had shot the Chinese in self-defence. It is understood that he made no further statements.

The authorities at the Gaol notified Sinza police station and Det.-Sergt. Grubb went to the scene at once. Nothing was touched, however, until the officers from the Finger Print Department arrived, to photograph the interior of the room and to examine the corpse. A police physician, likewise, attended, and pronounced the man dead.

On beginning their investigations the police found the Chinese near the door to the apartment through which it is believed that Robertson emerged. Because the door swings inward, they have arrived at the conclusion that the servant was not killed instantaneously, but that, after his assailant left the room, he managed to crawl toward the door, and fell dead just inside. He evidently attempted to raise himself, and in so doing, pulled on himself a bag of golf clubs.

Deceased lay with his head toward the door, his right hand near his head, and the left hand extended alongside the body. The pistol was found within a few inches of the hand. There were three spent shells not far distant.

Signs Of A Struggle.

Officers are of opinion that a struggle took place before the shooting because several bullet holes were found in opposite corners of the room.

The weapon had not been used for some time and on Thursday night it is known that it was unloaded. The weapon was freshly greased, and the police found a clearly imprinted finger mark upon the left side.

When it has been determined whose finger made the imprint, the police believe that they still further will be able to determine how much of a struggle took place.—N.C. Daily News.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL AND THROUGH CARGOES GOOD.

NINETEEN ARRIVALS.

The Harbour Office returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that freights for both the Colony and ports beyond were above the average. Out of the nineteen steamers arriving in port, eight were British and about fifty per cent. of the freights for Hong Kong were carried in British bottoms.

Local imports amounted to 18,277 tons. Eight British ships contributed a total of 9,411 tons. The two best returns were 5,000 tons of coal by the s.s. Yubari Maru, from Muroran, and 3,555 tons of the same commodity by the British ship Ming Sang, from Chinwangtao.

Through cargoes carried by eleven steamers out of the nineteen arrivals totalled 23,498 tons. Five British vessels were responsible for 4,300 tons. The two best returns were shown by foreign merchantmen. The French steamer Si-king, from Dairen and Tsingtau manifested 6,883 tons and the Japanese vessel Roko Maru, from Haiphong and Dairen had 4,500 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	7
Japanese	3	3
Norwegian	0	1
Chinese	2	3
Danish	0	1
Dutch	2	0
French	3	2
German	0	1
American	1	0
Total	19	18

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.

President Jackson, Dec. 11th.

President Pierce, Dec. 12th.

President Garfield, Dec. 17th.

President Taft, Dec. 19th.

President McKinley, Dec. 23th.

President Harrison, Dec. 31st.

Australian-Oriental Line.

Changteh, to-morrow.

Taiping, Jan. 7th.

Bank Line.

City of Peking, Dec. 24th.

City of Madras, Jan. 31st.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Ben Line.

Bendor, Dec. 13th.

British-India and Apcar Lines.

Garmula, Dec. 12th.

Tilawa, Dec. 13th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Russia, to-day.

Dodwell & Co.

Remo, to-day.

Calulu, Dec. 13th.

Curby Castle, Jan. 1st.

Vimala, Jan. 5th.

Rovet Castle, Jan. 22nd.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.

Java, Jan. 15th.

Australia, Feb. 22nd.

Aita, Mar. 14th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

Ararura, Jan. 2nd.

Tanda, Feb. 6th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Cyclops, to-day.

Mammon, to-day.

Dioned, Dec. 13th.

Antenor, Dec. 16th.

Machaon, Dec. 17th.

Helenus, Dec. 20th.

Pyrrhus, Dec. 22nd.

Tydareus, Dec. 23th.

Patroclus, Dec. 26th.

Ixon, Dec. 30th.

Perseus, Jan. 1st.

Myrmidon, Jan. 7th.

Hector, Jan. 13th.

Proteus, Jan. 17th.

Troilus, Jan. 22nd.

Veleus, Jan. 31st.

Vingchow, Feb. 2nd.

Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.

Talthybius, Feb. 7th.

Aeneas, Feb. 13th.

Autolyus, Feb. 19th.

Achilles, Feb. 27th.

Merdon, Feb. 28th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Calchac, Mar. 4th.

Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

Glen Line.

Gleniffer, to-day.

Glenogle, Dec. 22nd.

Glenamoy, Jan. 21st.

Glenanda, Jan. 23th.

Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and

Hugo Stinnes Linien.

Foghtland, Dec. 14th.

Barnes, Dec. 19th.

Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.

Oldenburg, Jan. 12th.

Havelland, Jan. 23th.

Macklenburg, Feb. 5th.

Holland East Asia Line.

Zoma, Dec. 13th.

Vosterk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjikembang, to-day.

Tjisondari, Dec. 19th.

Tjibodai, Dec. 19th.

Tjisalak, Dec. 19th.

Tjimanok, Dec. 22nd.

Tjikembang, Dec. 26th.

Tjikini, Jan. 2nd.

Tjikwang, Jan. 2nd.

Tjisaraca, Jan. 5th.

Messageries Maritimes.

Chenonceau, Dec. 31st.

St. Louis, Dec. 31st.

Angers, Jan. 4th.

D'Arctagnan, Jan. 18th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Ceylon Maru, to-day.

Dakar Maru, to-day.

Amaki Maru, to-morrow.

Sado Maru, Dec. 10th.

Haruna Maru, Dec. 11th.

Yokohama Maru, Dec. 11th.

Lyons Maru, Dec. 14th.

Osaka Maru, Dec. 14th.

Aki Maru, Dec. 15th.

Kamakura Maru, Dec. 15th.

Hakozaki Maru, Dec. 16th.

Rakuyo Maru, Dec. 17th.

Akita Maru, Dec. 18th.

Rangoon Maru, Dec. 19th.

Matsuyama Maru, Dec. 20th.

Tango Maru, Dec. 20th.

Takooka Maru, Dec. 20th.

Kamo Maru, Dec. 20th.

Seri Maru, Dec. 29th.

Yugano Maru, Dec. 29th.

Hakusan Maru, Dec. 30th.

Tottori Maru, Dec. 30th.

Hakodate Maru, Jan. 7th.

Gingo Maru, Jan. 13th.

Kitano Maru, Jan. 13th.

Calcutta Maru, Feb. 16th.

Tatsumo Maru, Feb. 1st.

Mishimi Maru, Feb. 12th.

Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.

Mishima Maru, Feb. 21st.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Eoenigberg, Dec. 11th.

Derfflinger, Dec. 19th.

Saarbrücken, Jan. 17th.

Coblentz, Feb. 14th.

(Continued on next Column.)

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

BOARDING STEAMERS WITHOUT PERMISSION.

25 MEN GAOLED.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

The Marine Court at the Harbour Office yesterday morning was thronged with Chinese when no fewer than 25 Chinese boarding house runners were charged with being on vessels without permission from the ships' officers.

Seventeen of these men were charged with boarding the s.s. President Pierce, and 18 were sentenced to one month's hard labour each. The other two were given two months' hard labour in view of a previous conviction against them.

Another batch of 8 men was found on board the s.s. Haidis without permission. Six of them got one month's hard labour each and two, who had a previous conviction against them, were sentenced to two months' hard labour each.

Before the same Court the masters of the motor boats Taihing Maru and Po Loi Maru were charged with causing an obstruction in the Southern Fairway. Both defendants failed to appear in answer to the charge and their bail of \$10 was exonerated.

A mistress of a cargo boat was fined \$10 for causing an obstruction in the Southern fairway. Another mistress was also mulcted in the same sum for making fast to the s.s. Haidis while the vessel was still underway.

Deck Passengers.

There were 1,932 Chinese deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. These were brought by eight ocean-going vessels.

Engine Trouble.

The s.s. Vulcanus which left here with a consignment of kerosene for Foochow on Monday, returned to port yesterday for repairs, she having experienced engine troubles on her way out.

Birth At Sea.

The Kaijo Maru from Keelung via Swatow and Amoy reports that one Chinese male child was born on the voyage from Swatow to Hong Kong. Both mother and child are progressing well.

The Haining from Swatow

and the Chuk Sang from Shanghai both report having encountered monsoon weather with rough seas.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Mantua left Shanghai for this port on the afternoon of the 6th inst., with the mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 8 a.m.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Morra, to-day.

Kidderpore, to-morrow.

Mantua, to-morrow.

Kalyan, Dec. 13th.

Devanha, Dec. 23rd.

Delta, Dec. 31st.

Malwa, Jan. 6th.

Khyber, Jan. 27th.

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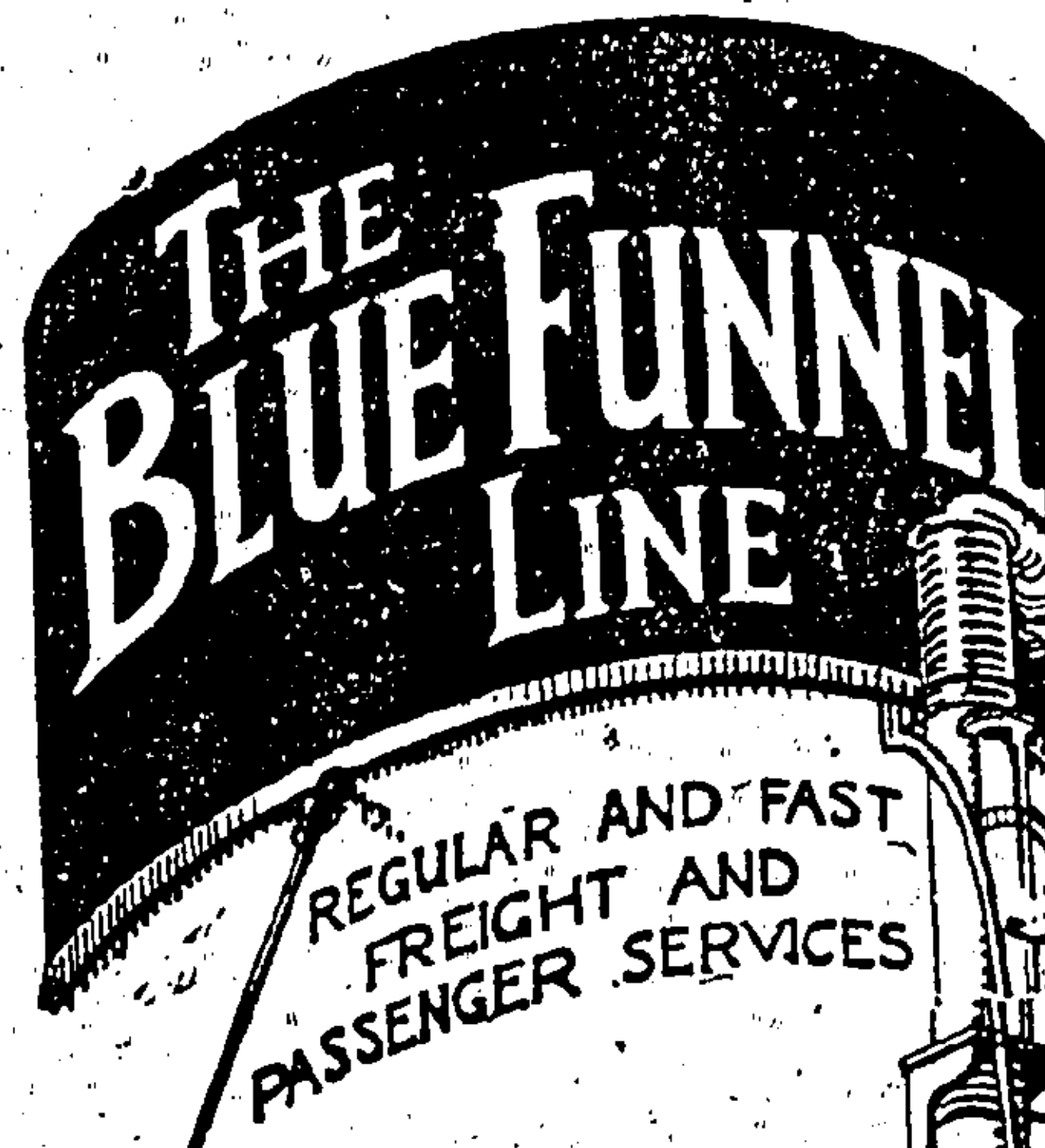
INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
STRAITS	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
SUEZ & STRAITS	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
EUROPE via SUEZ (letters & papers, London, 10th Nov., & parcels, 3rd, Nov.)	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
SHANGHAI	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
SHANGHAI & MANILA	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
SHANGHAI & SWATOW	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
STRAITS	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
STRAITS	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
MANILA	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
SHANGHAI	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
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U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	10th Dec.	8th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Straits	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Straits and Calcutta	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Java via Batavia	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Swatow	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Manila	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Tientsin	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Shanghai	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Batavia, Amoy and Foochow	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Wei Hai Wei	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Shanghai	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Amoy	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Haiphong via Fort Bayard & Haiphong	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Fort Bayard, Haiphong, Pakhoi & Haiphong	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 8th Jan., 1928	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Haiphong	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Formosa, Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
*U.S.A., Canada, U.S.A. & S. America	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
*Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th Jan., 1928, & Europe via Siberia	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Amoy	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Bangkok via Swatow	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Shanghai & Japan	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Manila	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Amoy	10th Dec.	8th Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	10th Dec.	8th Dec.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



LONDON SERVICE.

*"DIOMED" 18th Dec. Mars, L'don, R'dam, & H'burg.
 *"PATROCLUS" 27th Dec. Mars, L'don, R'dam, & Glasgow.
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 *"ANTENOR" 25th Jan. Mars, L'don, R'dam, & Glasgow.
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 *"PYRHEUS" 13th Jan. New York, Boston & Baltimore.

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*"PATROCLUS" 27th Dec. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
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 *"HECTOR" 22nd Feb. Singapore, Marseilles & London.
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 Sterling ... \$13,500,000
 Silver ... \$12,500,000
 Reserve Liability of Pro-prietors ... \$20,000,000

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[Hon. Mr. A. J. HYNES.

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 Foochow, Malacca, Patani,
 Haiphong, Manila, Tientsin,
 Hankow, Mowden, Tokyo,
 Harbin, Nagasaki, Tsingtao,
 New York, Yokohama.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in Local CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in Local CURRENCY and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
 Hong Kong, 18th Sept. 1927. [28]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

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 For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
 A. O. HYNES,
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 Hong Kong, 18th Sept. 1927. [28]

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O. STEENSTRA, Manager.

Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34]

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(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on Approved Securities.

Special facilities for domestic exchange.

SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.

Hong Kong, 24th June 1927. [28]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

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J. R. GEORGE, Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [30]

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France: Société Générale, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.

London: Midland Bank, Ltd.

New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Correspondents throughout the World.

A. ROLLIN, Manager.

Hong Kong, 21st April 1927.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:

14, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital ... £2,000,000

Subscribed Capital ... £1,800,000

Paid-up Capital ... £1,000,000

Reserve Fund and Rest ... £2,545,687

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:

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HONG KONG BRANCHES:

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.

7, Queen's Road Central.

Hong Kong, 18th April, 1927. [29]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid up ... Yen 100,000,000

Reserve Fund ... Yen 26,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

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Hong Kong Branch: 1, JARDINE'S BUILDING.

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Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MORI, Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September 1927. [25]



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BANKERS:

In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Crédit Lyonnais, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, Crédit Industriel et Commercial, Société Générale.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Safe Deposit Boxes to let.

CH. LEM, Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927. [32]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

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HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

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POOK POON SHAN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th September 1927. [25]

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Bank Bills, on demand ... 2/0 7/16

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ON PARIS.

Bank Bills, on demand ... 1,260

Credits, 4 months' sight ... 1,336

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Credits, 4 months' sight ... 49 1/2

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Telegraphic Transfer ... 134 1/2

Bank Bills, on demand ... 134 1/2

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Bank Bills, on demand ... 134 1/2

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Bank Bills, at sight ... nom.

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